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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 1901.

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THE YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK, LIMITED.
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CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED Yen 24,000,000
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Head Office—YOKOHAMA.

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TARO HODSUMI,
Manager.

Hongkong, 17th April, 1901. [11]

THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA,
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RESERVE LIABILITY OF SHAREHOLDERS £800,000

RESERVE FUND £575,000

INTEREST ALLOWED ON CURRENT ACCOUNT at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the Daily Balances.

On Fixed Deposits for 12 months... 4 per cent.

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DEUTSCH ASIATISCHE BANK.
PAID-UP CAPITAL Sh. Taels 5,000,000
HEAD OFFICE—SHANGHAI.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS: BERLIN.
BRANCHES: Hankow, Tientsin, Tsingtau (Kiautschou).

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DIRECTION DER DISCONTO GESELLSCHAFT.
INTEREST allowed on Current Account.
DEPOSITS received on terms which may be
learned on application. Every description of
Banking and Exchange business transacted.
E. F. GROS,
Acting Manager.
Hongkong, 29th August, 1901. [161c]

**HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI
BANKING CORPORATION.**

PAID-UP CAPITAL \$10,000,000

RESERVE FUND \$10,000,000

Standing Reserve \$10,000,000

Sinking Reserve \$3,750,000

RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROPRIETORS \$10,000,000

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BANKING COMPANY, LIMITED.

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For 3 months, 2 1/2 per cent. per Annum.
For 6 months, 3 per cent. per Annum.
For 12 months, 4 per cent. per Annum.

T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 17th August, 1901. [19]

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

THE Business of the above Bank is conducted
by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI
BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be
obtained on application.

INTEREST on deposits is allowed at 3 1/2 PER
CENT. per annum.

Depositors may transfer at their option
balances of \$100 or more to the HONGKONG AND
SHANGHAI BANK to be placed on FIXED
DEPOSIT at 4 PER CENT. per annum.

For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI
BANKING CORPORATION,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 4th October, 1900. [11c]

**THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA,
LIMITED.**

Authorized Capital 1,000,000

PAID-UP CAPITAL 324,374

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

Board of Directors:
Chan Kit Shan, Esq. C. Ewins, Esq.
Chow Tung Shing, Esq. J. T. Lauts, Esq.

CHIEF MANAGER,
GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR.

Interest for 12 months Fixed 5 %

Hongkong, 20th December, 1899. [8]

Intimations.

BEEF TEA versus BOVRIL.

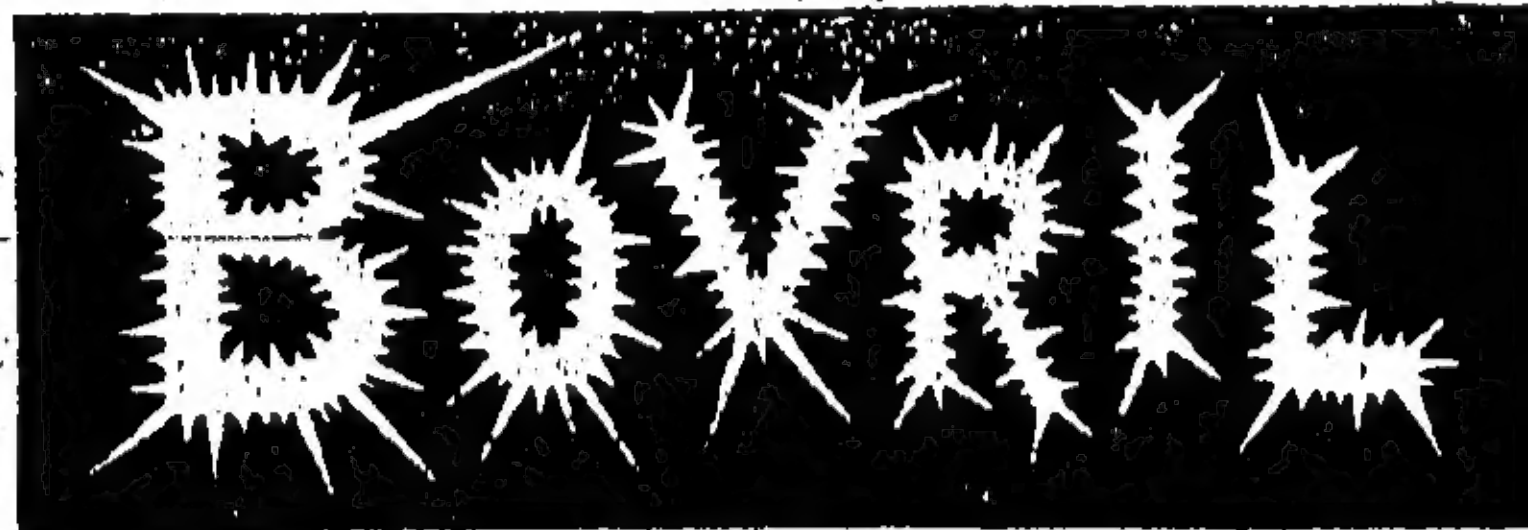
BEEF TEA.

"Were it possible to furnish the market, at a reasonable price, with a preparation of meat combining in itself the albuminous together with the extractive principles, such a preparation would have to be preferred to *extractum carnis*, for it would contain all the nutritive constituents of meat. I have before stated that in preparing the Extract of Meat the albuminous principles remain in the residue; they are most nutritive, and this is certainly a great disadvantage."

BARON LIEBIG,
Discoverer of Liebig's Extract, in
The Lancet, Nov. 11, 1865.

BOVRIL

Was invented to realise Baron von Liebig's desire for a meat food that would contain not only the stimulating properties of flesh—as all Meat Extracts and Beef Teas do—but also the nourishing properties of flesh, which Meat Extracts and Beef Teas do not. This has been accomplished by first taking the extractive principles by the Liebig process (which is akin to home-made beef tea) and then adding albumen and fibrine, procured from the flesh of other oxen roasted and finely ground to powder; the combination is Bovril.



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SOLE AGENTS IN
HONGKONG, CHINA, JAPAN, AND THE STRAITS SETTLEMENTS,
FOR THE
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MANUFACTURERS OF THE
Best Qualities of ASBESTOS GOODS AND PACKINGS.

HYDRAULIC and SELF LUBRICATING PUMP PACKINGS, of all kinds.

"VICTOR" METALLIC BOILER JOINTS.

ASBESTOS-SALAMANDER BOILER COVERING COMPOSITION of the best qualities.

ESTIMATES given for every DESCRIPTION of WORK.

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SUPERINTENDENT.....ARCHIBALD RITCHIE.

DODWELL & CO., LIMITED, General Managers

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HONGKONG OFFICE—6, ICE HOUSE STREET.

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Telegraphic Address for all the Offices: "MITSUI."

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N. INUZUKA, Manager.

Hongkong, 1st August, 1901. [163c]

WILLIAM POWELL, LIMITED,

GENERAL DRAPERS, MILLINERS, GENTLEMEN'S OUTFITTERS,
AND FURNISHERS.

Silks,	Underclothing,	Trunks Bags,
Dresses,	Lace,	China & Glass
Gloves,	Ribbons,	Toys,
Hosiery,	Trimnings,	Fancy Leather
Furs,	Linens,	Goods,
Flowers,	Boots and Shoes,	Bedsteads,
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OLD VATTED WHISKY,

Is unrivalled for its Mild, Mellow Flavour. Composed entirely from the finest products of best known Highland Distilleries. Thoroughly matured.

CALDBECK, MACGREGOR & Co.,
WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANTS,
15, Queen's Road.

Hongkong, 18th September, 1901. [15]

Ships.

PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

FOR	STEAMERS	CAPTAINS	TO SAIL	REMARKS
LONDON, &c.	Chusan	C. L. Daniel, R.N.R.	Noon, 28th Sept.	Freight or Passage.
YOKOHAMA	Sacatra	T. H. Hide, R.N.R.	About 4th Oct.	Freight only.
LONDON	Formosa	B. H. W. Snow	About 5th Oct.	Freight or Passage.
SINCA, ORE & BOMBAY	Tientsin	W. W. Cooke, R.N.R.	About 7th Oct.	Freight only.

(See Special Advertisement.)
† (Calling at PENANG and COLOMBO should sufficient inducement be offering).
‡ Via SHANGHAI and KOBE. § (Passing through the Inland Sea).

For Further Particulars, apply to

H. A. RITCHIE, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 27th September, 1901. [5]

IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD. HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE.

STEAM FOR

SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, NAPLES, GENOA, ANTWERP, BREMEN/HAMBURG;
PORTS IN THE LEVANTE, BLACK SEA AND BALTIC PORTS;
ALSO
LONDON, NEW YORK, BOSTON, BALTIMORE, NEW ORLEANS, GALVESTON, AND SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS;

Steamers will call at SOUTHAMPTON to land Passengers and Luggage.
N.B.—Cargo can be taken on through Bills of Lading for the Principal Places in Russia.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)

STEAMERS.	SAILING DATES.
PREUSSEN.....	THURSDAY, 3rd October.
HAMBURG, Hamburg-Amerika Linie.....	WEDNESDAY, 16th October.
SACHSEN.....	WEDNESDAY, 30th October.
KIAUTSCHOU, Hamburg-Amerika Linie.....	WEDNESDAY, 13th November.
BAVERN.....	WEDNESDAY, 27th November.
STUTTGART.....	WEDNESDAY, 11th December.
KONIG ALBERT.....	WEDNESDAY, 25th December.
PRINZESS IRENE.....	WEDNESDAY, 8th January, 1902.
PRINZ HEINRICH.....	WEDNESDAY, 22nd January, 1902.
PREUSSEN.....	WEDNESDAY, 5th February, 1902.
HAMBURG, Hamburg-Amerika Linie.....	WEDNESDAY, 19th February, 1902.
SACHSEN.....	WEDNESDAY, 5th March, 1902.

O.N. THURSDAY, the 3rd day of October, 1901, at NOON, the Steamship "PREUSSEN" PASSENGERS, SPECIALLY DESIGNED LLOYD, Captain E. Prehn, with MAIL, GENOA.

Shipping Orders will be granted till NOON, on TUESDAY, the 1st October, Cargo and Specie will be received on Board until 5 P.M., on WEDNESDAY, the 2nd October, and will be received at the Agency's Office until NOON, on WEDNESDAY, the 2nd October. Contents of Packages are required. No Parcel Receipts will be signed for less than \$200 and Parcels should not exceed Two Feet Cubic in Measurement. The Steamer has splendid Accommodation and carries a Doctor and Stewardsesses. Linen can be washed on board.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

For further Particulars, apply to

MELCHERS & CO.,
AGENTS.

Hongkong, 21st September, 1901. [22]

Hotels.

HONGKONG HOTEL.

Military Band during dinner on Saturday Nights.

Hongkong, 15th November, 1900. [23]

HOTEL CRAIGIEBURN,

PLUNKET'S GAP, the PEAK, near the TRAM TERMINUS, Tel. 56.

For Terms, &c., apply to the

MANAGER.

Hongkong, 2nd July, 1900. [16]

W. H. POTTS & Co., 8, QUEEN'S BUILDINGS.

WINE, SPIRIT AND CIGAR
MERCHANTS.

DIRECT IMPORTERS.

ALHAMBRA CIGAR,
"KIRIN" BEER,
HARVEY'S OLD VINTAGES.

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Intimations.

TAILORING DEPARTMENT.

FOR SIX WEEKS ONLY.

Special Offer of Autumn Suitings at the following Exceptional Prices.

FLANNEL LOUNGE SUITS.....	\$20
TWEED AND CASHMERE SUITS.....	\$29
BLUE SERGE SAC SUITS.....	\$30
WORSTED AND ANGOLA SUITS.....	\$33
BLACK TWILL DRESS SUITS.....	\$45

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

Hongkong, 26th September, 1901. [732c]

OLD MATURED
JOHN WALKER WHISKEY,
FROM THE FAMOUS
KILMARNOCK DISTILLERY.
THE FAVOURITE WHISKY IN THE OLD COUNTRY.
ASK FOR IT!

Hongkong, 22nd July, 1901. [176c]

Fr. BLUNCK,

SILK LACE MANUFACTURER
AND EMBROIDERER.

17, QUEEN'S ROAD, HONGKONG.

MANUFACTURER
and RETAILER.

16th July, 1901. [715c]



Intimations.

WHAT TO DRINK I AND THE TIME TO DRINK IT I

Before Breakfast.

CHAMPAGNE BITTERS
AND
CROWN SODA.

Before Tiffin.

CHAMPAGNE BITTERS
AND
SHERRY.

Before Dinner.

THE SAME.

At other times and at all times
Champagne Bitters and Whiskey is
good.

Stick to this advice and you'll
never know you have a liver.

WATKINS,
LIMITED.

Chemists and Aerated Water

Manufacturers.

Longkong, 13th August, 1901. [714c]

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY,
LIMITED.

PORTLAND CEMENT.

\$5.50 per Cask of 375 lbs. Net ex Factory.
\$3.50 per Bag of 250 lbs.
SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 1st June, 1901. [10]

KELLY & WALSH, Ld.

Sole Agents in China, Japan, the Straits Settlements and the Philippines for the

YOST TYPEWRITERS,

Three record orders have been received for the Yost after that machine has been thoroughly tested against all other makes, which proves that the
YOST IS THE BEST TYPEWRITER.
Price \$225.00, 1901. [690c]

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17A, Queen's Road, Central.
ESTABLISHED 1859.

FURNITURE DEALERS:
IMPORTERS OF EUROPEAN GOODS OF ALL KINDS;

Silver Plated, Glass and China Wares, Iron Bedsteads and Mattresses; Cutlery and Dinner Services; Cooking Ranges and Kitchen Utensils, Aspinall's Enamels, &c., &c.

Our store is situated between the Principal Banking Institutions and Hotels in Hongkong.

Hongkong, 25th July, 1901. [777c]

THE

ROBINSON PIANOFORTE CO.,
LIMITED.

All the best known makes kept in Stock.
The Greatest Assortment of Musical Instruments in the Far East.

Constant Shipments of all the Latest Music.

Hongkong, 2nd September, 1901. [1953c]

WE HAVE BEEN APPOINTED
SOLE AGENTS

FOR

MARTELL & Co.'s
BRANDIES.

	PER CASE
ONE STAR	\$22
THREE STAR	28
V.S. O.P.	44
V.V.S. O.P.	80

H. PRICE & CO.,

Hongkong, 24th September, 1901. [1952c]

To-day's Advertisements.

HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

THERE will be a SPOON COMPETITION TO-MORROW (SATURDAY), the 28th instant, commencing at 3 P.M. RANGES.—200, 500 and 600 yards. Seven Shots and a Sighter at each Range. ALEX. MACKENZIE, Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, 27th September, 1901. [45]

WANTED.

DOCTOR wanted for THE CHINA NAVIGATION Co's S.S. "CHINGTU." Apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Hongkong, 27th September, 1901. [1063c]

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

M.R. WILLIAM BASIL DIXON has This Day ASSUMED CHARGE as CHIEF MANAGER.
* By Order of the Board of Directors, R. SHEWAN, Chairman.
Hongkong, 27th September, 1901. [1063c]

THE CHINA AND MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA VIA AMOY.

THE Company's Steamship

"PERLA."
Captain J. E. McArthur, will be despatched as above on TUESDAY, the 1st October. The Attention of Passengers is directed to the Excellent Accommodation provided by this Steamer. She is fitted throughout with the Electric Light and is supplied with a Refrigerating Chamber.
A Doctor is carried.
For Freight or Passage, apply to SHEWAN, TOMES & Co., General Managers.
Hongkong, 27th September, 1901. [1063c]

Masonic.

ZETLAND LODGE.

No. 525, E.C.

A REGULAR MEETING of the above LODGE will be held at the FREEMASONS' HALL, Zetland Street, on TUESDAY, the 1st October, at 8.30 for 9 p.m. precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited to attend.
Hongkong, 25th September, 1901. [1063c]

E. G. M.
TENNIS RACQUETS
Price \$10.00 each. [690c]

Intimation.

A. S. WATSON & Co.,
LIMITED.

WINE MERCHANTS.

ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.

CLARETS.

	Per Case	Per Bottle
ST. ESTEPHE	\$ 6.98	\$ 7.58
ST. JULIEN	9.00	9.80
LA ROSE	12.98	13.92
CHATEAU HAUT BRION	18.80	19.20
CHATEAU MOUTON D'AR	21.00	22.20
CHATEAU PONTET CAE	25.00	—
CHATEAU LA TOUR CAE	30.00	—
CHATEAU RAUZAN	42.00	—
CHATEAU LAFITE	48.00	—

These CLARETS are bought direct from the leading French growers. The lowest priced are of exceptional value and guaranteed to be the genuine product of the juice of the grape.

CHATEAU LA TOUR CARNET,
CHATEAU RAUZAN AND
CHATEAU LAFITE

are commended to the notice of Connoisseurs as high-class after-dinner Wines.

We guarantee our Wines and Spirits to be genuine only when bought direct from us in the Colony or from our authorised Agents at the Coast Ports.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED,
THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

BIRTH.

On the 19th of September, at No. 3, The Bund, Chinkiang, the wife of G. T. ECKINS, of a daughter.

DEATHS.

On the 2nd of August, at Gauting, near Munich, Germany, suddenly from an accident, HERBERT HIRTH, Ph.D., and Lieut. in the Bavarian Reserve, the eldest son of Dr. F. Hirth, formerly Commissioner of Customs in China, aged 27 years.

On the 13th of September, at Ma-Tou, Wei-hai-wei, BERYL MARGARET, the only daughter of J. W. & J. C. Wilson, of Shih-Tao, aged 17 months.

At Tsingtao, on the 21st September, RECHT-SANWALT DR. UDO EHRLHARDT, aged 37 years.

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 1901.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The Public Works Department.

At yesterday's Council meeting His Excellency the Governor announced his intention of appointing a Commission to report upon the Staff and working of the Public Works Department. We are pleased to hear that such a Commission is to be appointed after the revelations of the disgraceful manner in which that Department has conducted its duty of inspection of buildings, as revealed by the second enquiry into the Cochrane Street Collapse, such a Commission is urgently needed. As we pointed out the other day, the enquiry showed that the Public Works Department had taken everything for granted and had not taken the trouble to look at the buildings in question, either before or during the alterations. We trust that this matter will not be lost sight of, but that the Commission will be directed to go thoroughly into this question among others and show exactly where the blame for this disregard of duty lies. It is all very well for the Director of Public Works to report to the Governor now that his staff is insufficient for the proper carrying out of the duties imposed upon it, but the man in the street, who has studied the evidence adduced in the second collapse enquiry, wants to know why such representations were not made months, or even years ago? The state of affairs lately revealed makes one wonder as to how many more death-traps like those in Cochrane Street have been run up in the last year or so without any supervision whatever. Probably the next typhoon or heavy rain will reveal a few, and add a number of victims to the long list of those who have lost their lives through carelessness and greed.

Collapse.
The paper giving "Particulars of Buildings in the Colony which collapsed between

the 30th May, 1895, and the 14th August, 1901, laid on the table at the meeting of the Legislative Council yesterday, at the request of the Hon. T. H. WHITEHEAD is most instructive reading. The list gives 71 distinct collapses comprising no less than 97 buildings, the largest collapse being that of fifteen houses, the property of the Hon. E. R. Bellios, C.M.G., which fell down during the typhoon of 10th November last, while in course of reconstruction. Next in order of magnitude come the collapses of 215, 216, 217 and 218 Des Vaux Road, 4, 6, 8, and 10 New Street, and the recent collapse at 30, 32, 34 and 36 Cochrane Street, these three catastrophes accounting for one, seven and forty-three lives respectively. In three instances blocks of three houses came down, and in seven, two fell together.

The causes of the collapses are given as follows:—No record, forty typhoons, fifteen defective building and heavy rain, four decay, two, and shoring giving way, party wall collapsing, careless reconstruction, landslip, bad construction of a connecting wall, careless demolition, bad foundations and defective brickwork, one each.

These seventy one collapses accounted for the loss of no less than one hundred and two lives, forty-three deaths being due to the Cochrane Street disaster, eight to a collapse in Kramer Street, Tai-kok-tsu, and seven to the falling down of No. 170 Queen's Road Central, both of the latter accidents occurring in the typhoon of 10th November last. It is worthy of note that for twenty-four fatal collapses showing a death roll of one hundred and two, only ten enquiries were held, while the deaths occasioned by the collapses on which no enquiries were held amount to 32. In only one case was a prosecution instituted which resulted in the contractor being fined \$100. This was the collapse at 45 and 47 High Street, which occurred on the 15th June last and resulted in three deaths; the collapse being attributed to "bad foundation and weak state of base of western wall" helped by a portion of this wall having been pulled down and re-built, and also two additional windows having been opened therein.

Although the collapses of 215, 216, 217 and 218 Des Vaux Road, and 36 Ship Street, which accounted respectively for one and two lives, are attributed in the return to carelessness, it is worthy of note that no enquiry was held in either case. Either the attributed cause of the collapse is wrongly stated in the return, or there has been gross negligence by somebody in not instituting proceedings against the persons whose carelessness led to this loss of life.

Taking the return as a whole we see that of the 71 collapses, only 15 are attributed to typhoons. For these, in all probability, nobody can be held to blame, but collapses attributable to other causes are far too frequent. Everybody in the Colony knows that they are caused by jerry building and poor materials with want of proper and qualified supervision. Is it to be wondered at that houses collapse when the mud from the street is scraped up and used as mortar? This we saw being done only last Sunday!

As Others See Us.

Thus a recent issue of the *Singapore Free Press* on the Cochrane Street collapse:—The Hongkong Government by its toleration of jerrybuilding and its laxity in supervision of construction has unfortunately succeeded in making the biggest bag on record as a result of the collapse of a couple of its architectural failures. The bag in question, some thirty killed, is equal to the results of round dozen of the average South African skirmishes. Now, just imagine anything like that happening under a Municipal Department. What a howl the Hongkong Government would have raised for somebody's head on a charger! But circumstances alter cases, and as long as the Hongkong Government is its own Municipality so long must supervision be far too weak to exercise the needful rigorous control over the Chinese property-owner and the Chinese building contractor. Thirty lives sacrificed is a sufficient condemnation of the present maladministration.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

BRITISH SOUTH AFRICA.
BOTHA'S COMMANDO.

LONDON, September 25th.

The Boers under Commandant Botha have been inactive since the reverse of Major Gough near Utrecht.

BUFFALO AND TUGELA IN FLOOD.
The Buffalo and Tugela Rivers are now flooded, thereby preventing any serious invasion of Natal.

THE AMERICA CUP.

"SHAMROCK II'S" HANDICAP.
Shamrock II allows Columbia 43 seconds.

LATER.

BRITISH SOUTH AFRICA.
KITCHENER'S PROCLAMATION.
The sentence of permanent banishment from South Africa in accordance with Lord Kitchener's proclamation has been promulgated at Pretoria.

BOER LEADERS CAPTURED.
Ten Boer Leaders have been captured by the British since the 15th instant.

THE CAPETOWN GUARD
CALLED OUT.
The Town guard at Capetown has gone into active service.

THE CHINESE MISSION TO GERMANY.
PRINCE CHUN'S RETURN TO CHINA.
Prince Chun and suite will embark at Genoa for China on the 1st October.

COTTAM & Co. for SILK SOCKS and PUMPS.

COTTAM & Co. for EVENING DRESS SHIRTS.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

H.M.S. *DAPHNE* arrived at Woosung on 22nd inst.

INWARD PARCELS by s.s. *Bengal* are now ready for delivery.

H.M.S. *BRAMBLE* left Shanghai for Wei-hai-wei on 23rd inst.

H.M.S. *PIQUE* and one French cruiser were off Square Island, near Ningpo, on the 22nd inst.

MR. E. ROBINSON, the well-known barrister, left to-day for a trip to Shanghai on the s.s. *Bengal*.

MR. W. B. DIXON, the new Manager of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., arrived in the Colony yesterday.

MR. R. H. JOHNSTON has been appointed chief officer of the U.S. transport *Zafra* while Mr. J. McIntosh goes as third engineer and Mr. P. J. Cusker as second officer.

THE SHANGHAI TRAMWAYS question is evidently not closed yet as a Special Meeting of Ratepayers to consider the matter again is to be held on Tuesday, the 8th prox. at 5.15 p.m.

WE UNDERSTAND that the petition of Mr. Peak in connection with his alleged wrongful dismissal from the Gaol comes before the Executive Council at 11 a.m. on Tuesday morning next.

THE GREAT MOON FESTIVAL of the Chinese takes place to-night. All the principal Hongs have their feasts, and numberless lanterns will be seen in the harbour gaily lit up.

THERE IS A GRAND CONCERT to be held on Saturday evening at the Institute of Engineers on the Praya Central. A very strong programme has been drawn up and everything promises a big success.

MR. W. F. FERD. TYLER, Deputy Coast Inspector, has issued a notice to mariners that the alterations in the buoyage of the Tsung-ming Crossing, referred to in Notice to Mariners 135 (special) have now been effected.

THE REV. D. M. ROBERTSON, a missionary in Shansi who escaped the massacres there, and was wrecked in the Sobron while on his way home to recover his health, died at Broughty Ferry, Scotland, on the 13th ult., aged 47.

MEMORIAL SERVICES for the late President McKinley were held on Sunday last at the Cathedral and Union Church, Shanghai, the Rev. F. L. Hawks Pott and the Rev. C. E. Darwent, respectively, preaching the memorial sermon at either Church.

MESSRS SLAVIN and McAuliffe, the famous pugilists who have been toying with such success in the South and in India, literally punching their way into fame and wealth, hope to give their first exhibition in Shanghai in the Town Hall on the 1st prox.—Ex. They might have added to their fame (or otherwise) if they had waited to punch Bentley.

H.M.S. *OCEAN*, flying the flag of Rear Admiral The Hon. A. G. Curzon Howe, C.B., C.M.G., arrived from Wei-hai-wei this morning. Admiral Curzon Howe has just been promoted to flag rank, and hence is forced to resign the command of the *Ocean*. He leaves for home to-morrow by the English Mail. We congratulate the Admiral upon his well-earned step and hope to see him in China once again in command of the squadron.

THE RISE IN CHINA SUGARS as reported by us a few days ago is more fully explained by the following:—"In view of the increased Customs duties on sugar and kerosene oil, to be enforced next month, large quantities of these articles have been imported here. The sugar imports from January to August last amounted to 215,615 piculs, valued at 1,078,581 yen, while the kerosene imported during the same period amounted to 8,358,900 gallons, valued at 1,716,935 yen."

BY KIND PERMISSION of Lieut.-Col. Baillie and Officers of the Band of the 22nd Bombay Infantry will play at the Hongkong Hotel to-morrow (Saturday) evening, from 8 p.m. to 9.30 p.m.—

PROGRAMME.
1.—March "The Runic Bridge"..... Rogers.
2.—Selection "The Falch"..... Chas. King.
3.—Bar's Dance "Poplorn"..... Godfrey.
4.—Polka "The P. O."..... Benliss.
5.—Polka "Les Cloches de Corneville"..... Flanquette.
6.—Selection "Les Cloches de Corneville"..... Flanquette.
Extra.
7.—Quadrille "Lights O London"..... Corie.
"God save the King."
Dance "Dance de Lina,"
Band Hawaiian.

THE COMING CELEBRATION of the 1,000th anniversary of the death of the good and great King Alfred is providing the one topic of Winchester. It has been decided that the commemoration shall be held in the third week of September, and delegates have been invited from the Royal societies and from the Universities of Great Britain and Ireland, the Colonies, and the United States of America to the meeting which it is desired shall form an important part of the celebration. Among many projects which have been decided upon may be mentioned an exhibition of objects pertaining to the Alfred period during the summer at the British Museum, the historic pageant to be held at Winchester and the performance of a play entitled *King Alfred the Great*, by Mr. Benson's company, on some historic site in the latter city.

ROYAL WELSH FUSILIERS
AQUATIC SPORTS.

A very enjoyable afternoon programme was gone through at the Victoria Recreation Club yesterday afternoon. The premises were loaned to the Royal Welsh Fusiliers for the time being, and 11 events were contested. The handicapping was good, some very close finishes being witnessed. The names and times will be given in a future issue.

COTTAM & Co. for EVENING DRESS SHIRTS.

HONGKONG FOOTBALL CLUB.

Yesterday afternoon at 5 p.m. at the Cricket pavilion was held the annual general meeting of the Hongkong Football Club. There was a fair attendance with the Hon. J. H. Stewart Lockhart C.M.G. presiding. The minutes of the last meeting were read and a short address from the chair followed.

The following officers for the ensuing season were elected:—

President:—Hon. J. H. Stewart-Lockhart, C.M.G.
Rugby Captain:—Mr. J. W. T. McMurtrie.
Assoc. Captain:—Mr. A. R. Lowe.
Hon. Treasurer:—Mr. B. C. M. Johnston.
Hon. Secretary:—Mr. F. Browne.
Committee:—Messrs. H. W. Slade, C. T. Kew, P. W. Goldring, W. H. Howard, A. C. J. Stevens, R. E., and W. H. Russell.

AT THE MAGISTRACY.

RECEIVING STOLEN PROPERTY.

Lieut. A. McClevery of the 2nd Rajput Regiment charged Leung Lam with receiving clothes of the value of \$10 knowing the same to have been stolen.
The defendant was remanded till Monday, bail in \$100 being granted.

STEALING.

Chan Kam was sent to gaol for one month for stealing a bed cover of the value of 1.20 from a maid in Coanah Road.

IMPUDENT ROBBERY.

Leung Chun was charged with stealing from his employer Cheung Luk, two pairs of bangles and other jewellery, valued at \$30. The first witness deposed that the defendant had told him that his (the defendants) master had scolded him and he stole the goods out of revenge.
The defendant was sent to gaol for two months.

STEALING A COPPER BOTTLE.

Sin Tai, Ngan was convicted of stealing a copper bottle from the Sugar Refining Company, and was sent to prison for one month.

STEALING MILK.

Tam Sau retired from public life for three weeks because he purloined one bottle of the milk of human kindness from the Dairy Farm Company.

DRUNK AND DISORDERLY.

R. Adlington, P.C. 61, charged Thomas Muir with being drunk and disorderly. P. C. 61 sworn said—At 12.15 a.m. this morning, I was on duty in Ship Street I saw the defendant with two other men, he was the worse for liquor. The defendant kicked at a door and the girls shouted "police." I went to the house and told defendant to go away but he challenged me to fight. I took defendant to the station. Fined \$3 or 14 days.

BURGLARY.

Tsan Chi was sent to prison for three months for burglariously entering No. 1 King Loong Street and stealing clothing.

UNLAWFUL POSSESSION.

Veer Singh and others were charged with the unlawful possession of a quantity of clothing. Mr. Grist appeared for the defendants. The case was gone into very fully and the defendant fined \$25 or 6 weeks. The fine was paid.

THE PLAGUE.

Number of cases reported (Chinese.....1,558
up till noon of the 26th Other Asiatics 54
September, 1901..... Europeans.....31

Number of cases reported (Chinese.....1
during the past 24 hours Other Asiatics 0
Europeans.....0

Total number of cases reported to date 1,644

Number of deaths reported (Chinese.....1,524
up till noon of the 26th Other Asiatics 36
September, 1901..... Europeans.....12

Number of deaths reported (Chinese.....1
during the past 24 hours Other Asiatics 0
Europeans.....0

Total number of deaths recorded to date 1,573

Since noon on Saturday last the cases and deaths are:—

Cases Chinese.....1
Other Asiatics.....1
Europeans.....0

Deaths Chinese.....1
Other Asiatics.....1
Europeans.....0

The plague returns for last week were:—
Cases.....2
Deaths.....2

THE CZAR IN FRANCE.

Under "Latest News" Saturday's *Echo de Chine* says that at the luncheon given to the Russian Sovereigns at Dunkirk, President Loubet gave them a formal welcome. The Czar affirmed the great pleasure he felt at finding himself again in the midst of a "friendly allied nation," and proposed the health of the French Navy. The Sovereigns retired to rest at the Chateau of Compiègne, and arrived on the morning of the next day at Rheims, where they were present at the last day's manoeuvres, after having visited the Hotel de Ville and the Cathedral of Rheims. The Czar expressed, during the luncheon, the lively satisfaction he felt at noting the degree of perfection attained by the brilliant army of France which he had just reviewed.

COTTAM & Co. for SNOWS and BUCKINGHAM and HECHTS BOOTS and SHOES.

SUPERVISION OF BUILDINGS
IN HONGKONG.

IMPORTANT PROPOSALS.

At the Legislative Council yesterday minutes of a meeting of the Public Works Committee held on the 27th ult. were laid on the table.

At that meeting, there were present:—Hon. W. Chatham, Hon. C. McL. Messer, Messrs. C. P. Chater and J. Thurburn and Dr. Ho Kai, SUPERVISOR OF BUILDING OPERATIONS IN THE COLONY.

The Chairman explained that this question, which had arisen out of the collapse of houses in Cochrane Street, had been referred to the Committee by direction of His Excellency the Governor in Council. He then read a report by Mr. Tooker, dated 23rd July, on the subject of the recent collapse, and a lengthy minute by the Hon. the Acting Attorney General on the same subject.

The following recommendations were unanimously adopted by the Committee:—

(1.) The duties of the Public Works Department to be confined to general supervision as regards the construction of new buildings, the staff being increased in order to render such general supervision effective.

(2.) In the case of alterations or additions to existing buildings, the duty of inspection in order to ascertain the structural capability of such buildings to undergo such alterations or additions to devolve upon the Public Works Department.

(3.) The Director of Public Works to have full discretion in the matter of sanctioning or refusing to sanction any alterations or addition to existing buildings. His decision shall, however, be subject to appeal to the Governor in Council as provided by Section 87 of Ordinance 15 of 1889.

(4.) The staff of the Public Works Department for the supervision of work under the Building Ordinances to consist of at least one Assistant Engineer at a commencing salary of £300 and travelling allowance of \$360 per annum, and four thoroughly competent Overseers at commencing salaries of £200 each with travelling allowances of \$270 each per annum.

(5.) All Architects or Engineers, in order to be admitted as competent to submit plans or proposals under the Building Ordinances, must hold the certificate of some body or incorporated Society, recognized by the Government, as a guarantee of their fitness to practice as Architects or Engineers. This stipulation to come into force upon the passing of the Ordinance.

(6.) All works carried out under the Building Ordinances to be supervised until their completion by an Architect or Engineer of the standing specified in clause (5), who must have power to employ, at the expense of the party on whose behalf the work is being executed, such amount of skilled supervision as he may consider necessary.

(7.) Any party not possessed of the qualification specified (5), who may attempt to submit plans or carry out work, falling within the scope of the Building Ordinances, to be punishable by law.

(8.) All buildings hereafter erected of the type known as Chinese tenement houses to have courses of hoop iron built into the walls at the level of the foundations, each floor, and the eaves of roof. The hoop iron to measure 1½" wide by 3½" thick, and to consist of two bonds in each course in 14" walls, and three bonds in each course in 18" walls and foundations. The bonds to be continuous, whenever practicable, and to be lap-jointed. Where continuous bonds are impracticable such bonds to be arranged as required by the Director of Public Works.

SURFACE OVERCROWDING.

The Chairman mentioned that this matter had also been referred to the Committee by His Excellency the Governor in Council. He then read a letter from the Secretary of the Sanitary Board, dated the 28th June, 1901, forwarding certain resolutions with regard to the height of buildings and others, and a minute by himself arising out of the letter referred to.

The following recommendations were unanimously adopted by the Committee:—

(1.) No building shall be hereafter erected, or raised, to a height exceeding one-and-a-half times the width of the street upon which it fronts. Provided always that no domestic building shall be of more than four storeys, in height including a ground floor and three upper floors. For the purposes of this section, the width of street and height of building shall be measured in accordance with Section 6 of Ordinance 34 of 1889. This section shall not apply, however, to the re-erection of buildings which have already been erected in excess of the height specified.

Exceptions to the above rule may be granted by the Governor in Council.

(2.) No balcony shall, except with the sanction of the Governor in Council, hereafter be permitted in any street, whether public or private, which measures less than 25 feet in width.

(3.) No verandah shall, except with the sanction of the Governor in Council, hereafter be permitted in any street, whether public or private, which measures less than 50 feet in width.

(4.) No verandah shall, except with the sanction of the Governor in Council, hereafter exceed three storeys in height, including a ground floor and two upper floors, except in streets of 60 feet in width and upwards.

The Committee strongly recommend the immediate enactment of their recommendations under the heading "Surface Overcrowding," as some time will probably elapse before the new Building Ordinance can be passed.

PROPOSALS BY LOCAL ARCHITECTS.

The following letter addressed to the Colonial Secretary was laid on the table at the Legislative Council meeting yesterday afternoon:—

COTTAM & Co's. VARIOUS ASSORTED
KINDS OF SILK BRACES FOR EVEN-
ING WEAR.

Hongkong, 6th September, 1901.

Sir,—In accordance with your letter No. 2171 dated 29th August, 1901, to Messrs. L. H. and Orange, a meeting was held yesterday of the undersigned Civil Engineers, Architects and Surveyors, who represent the Firms who have been in practice for the longest period in the Colony.

It was resolved to thank you for the opportunity given to express our ideas on the subjects mentioned in Messrs. Leigh and Orange's letter to you of 19th August.

It was felt that the question of design and supervision of buildings was by far the most urgent, and that we could defer the deliberation on plans for new houses until we had received copy of the Honourable the Acting Director of Public Works' Plan of Improved Chinese Dwellings, dated August 1st, 1901, which we would be glad to receive at your early convenience.

We trust you will not think we are going beyond our province in discussing questions which you had not expressly referred to us, but the seriousness and urgency of the matter is our excuse.

We beg to suggest that this question of professional practice and supervision of works might be dealt with speedily by the making of a special short Ordinance, and we trust the following (our unanimous opinion) may be of some assistance.

SUGGESTIONS.

1. Only qualified Civil Engineers, Architects and Surveyors to be allowed to practise in the Colony, and plans from only such persons to be accepted by the Government under the Building and Public Health Ordinances.

2. All building operations must be carried out under the supervision of a qualified Civil Engineer, Architect or Surveyor.

3. The Civil Engineer, Architect or Surveyor to have the power to employ, at the expense of the owner, such supervision as he may consider necessary.

4. The following persons to be admitted as qualified to practise, viz.:

(a.) Members or Associate Members of the Institution of Civil Engineers, England.

(b.) Fellows or Associates of the Royal Institution of British Architects.

(c.) Any person who has carried on the profession of Civil Engineer, Architect or Surveyor for 10 years continuously in the Colony.

(d.) Any other persons who shall satisfy a Board (such as the Public Works Committee) that they are properly qualified to practise.

REASONS.

The numerous accidents and collapses of buildings that have taken place in recent years.

Plans are now prepared by a number of so-called Architects, etc., and who, in our opinion, have not the qualifications nor the knowledge necessary to design and carry out work.

It is not unusual to see buildings being constructed with an utter disregard of stability and strength of materials.

We beg to draw attention to the Enquiry on the Cochrane Street disaster, where plans for an additional storey were admittedly prepared without the necessary precautions.

For suggestion 2—

(It is not possible nor usual anywhere for the Authorities (i.e., the Building Inspectors) to go thoroughly into every design, calculate all the strains on piers, walls, columns, beams, &c., and thus take the responsibility of checking plans, nor is it possible for the Building Inspectors to thoroughly supervise all buildings in course of construction: this can only be done by the Architect and the Overseer who is constantly on the works and under the orders only of the Engineer or Architect of the job.)

The Government Inspection should be quite general, to see that the laws of the Colony are observed, and we think that with all buildings under the supervision of qualified men and absolutely no constructive work carried out without such supervision, the task of Government Inspection will be comparatively light and will not necessitate a large staff.

Considerable building operations are now being carried out without any Architect and consequently without proper supervision, the owners not caring to pay for more than the plans and being satisfied with inferior work.

It is probable that most of the recent failures will be found to have occurred on buildings not under the supervision of properly qualified persons.

We again draw attention to the evidence given at the Enquiry into the Cochrane Street disaster which showed that there was no skilled supervision, and to the evidence of Mr. Tooker when he is reported to have said that he believed if the building had been under the supervision of a European Architect he would have seen at once the bad state of the walls and the disaster would have been averted.

The large amount of building now being done by Chinese Contractors without the supervision of qualified persons is having a deplorable effect on quality of work and workmen and, in consequence it is getting more difficult every year to get good work done.

For suggestion 3—

Owners often decline, or are unwilling, to pay for the services of an Overseer, and it is not the duty of an Architect to be constantly on the work and thus ensure continuous good work and material.

We beg to assure the Government that there is no desire on our part to restrict any qualified person from practising in the Colony, but we know to our certain knowledge of plans being made and work carried out by men who, we honestly do not think, should be permitted to do so.—We have, &c.,

(Signed) WM. DANDY.

M. Inst. C. E.

PALMER & TURNER.

DENISON & RAM.

LEIGH & ORANGE.

M. Inst. C. E.

COTTAM & Co's. LATEST SHAPES IN
LINEN COLLARS.

JAPANESE TOPICS.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

YOKOHAMA, Sept. 17th, 1901.

The Chinese mission of apology to Japan has not been marred by any hitch, such as occurred with the mission to Germany. H. E. Na Tung, the Chinese Envoy, was driven to the Imperial Palace on the 13th inst. in a carriage speedily sent by the Household Department. On arrival he was met by the Acting Minister for Foreign Affairs and Baron Sannoimya, Grand Master of Ceremonies, and led to the Phoenix Hall, where he was received in audience by the Emperor. H. E. Na Tung addressed the Emperor as follows:—

"Your Imperial Majesty, in graciously permitting me to approach Your Majesty in the discharge of a mission confided to me by His Majesty the Emperor of China, my August Sovereign, has conferred upon me a high honour which I esteem all the more because of my personal knowledge of the magnificent results of Your Majesty's enlightened rule, which are becoming more and more conspicuous day by day.

"The reciprocal relations between Japan and China, situated alike in Asia, have been marked by the utmost cordiality. Unfortunately, however, when a disturbance suddenly broke out in China in the summer of last year, Sugiyama Akira, the Chancellor of Your Majesty's Legation, met a violent death. My August Sovereign, deeply regretting the occurrence, has sent me to Your Majesty's Court in the capacity of His Special Envoy to present His Letter, and has charged me to convey to Your Majesty an expression of His profound grief. At the same time I have been commanded by His Majesty the Emperor to accord honourable reparation to the memory of Sugiyama Akira by performing religious ceremonies before his tomb and by transmitting to the proper recipient an offering from my Imperial Master.

"It only remains for me to express the hope, in the interest of the two Empires, that Your Majesty, favourably moved by the sense of geographical proximity to each other, have happily been fostered and strengthened ever since the practice was inaugurated of reciprocally sending envoys from one empire to the other in permanent resident missions. Unfortunately, however, when the Capital of Our country was suddenly infested by the Boxer insurgents in the fifth moon of the last year, and in consequence when both the soldiery and civic population gave themselves up to uncontrolled fury and disorder, Sugiyama Akira, the Chancellor of Your Majesty's Legation in Peking, fell a victim to their lawlessness and lost his life. The Chancellor, going to China, as he did, in the suite of Your Majesty's Minister was entitled to the highest protection from Us. The disturbance, however, broke out so suddenly and so unexpectedly that his grievous death could not be averted. We are conscious that the immeasurably deplorable end, which befell an official of a friendly Power, and the consequent interruption of cordial relations between the two countries are the results of Our failings, in that We were unable to prevent in time the critical turn of events.

We therefore feel the deepest regret, and We have accordingly caused Our Minister to perform religious rites for the memory of the lamented Chancellor and at the same time We have made offerings from Our private purse in honour of the deceased.

"We have commanded Tung, a Vice-Minister for Finance of the first degree of rank (Tokuin in rank), to proceed to Your Majesty's Empire and to present this Imperial Letter in the capacity of Our Envoy in Special Mission. The loyalty and fidelity of Na Tung are already well-known to Us, and reposing full confidence in him We have specially charged him to execute his mission in the spirit of highest respect and reverence, and to make known Our feelings of profound regret, thus making honourable reparation for the death of Sugiyama.

"When the forces which were sent by Your Majesty on their distant expedition, arrived in Peking their first and paramount aim was to give peace and security to the inhabitants. In the negotiations for peace which followed, Your Majesty's beneficent influence was invariably seen in the adjustment of important questions. That the general situation in the Orient has so happily been preserved intact, is due to the just and impartial views which Your Majesty has maintained in the councils of nations. Your Majesty's fame as a just and humane Sovereign now extends far and wide; and deeply touched by Your Majesty's benevolent attitude, We have commanded Our Envoy to present to Your Majesty in Our name Our sincere thanks. It only remains for Us to express Our earnest wish that Your Majesty, setting aside the displeasure which past events have occasioned, will be graciously disposed to draw closer the bond of friendship which unite the two countries; that the existing sentiments of mutual goodwill may be fostered more and more as time progresses; that tranquillity may henceforth reign over the earth; and that the blessings of peace and prosperity may descend upon Our respective Empires.

"The twentieth day of the sixth moon of the twenty-seventh year of Kwang Hsu."

His Imperial Majesty the Emperor of Japan replied as follows:—

"In the disturbance which occurred in Peking last year, Sugiyama Akira, the Chancellor of Our Legation, was made the victim of a cruel assassination, perpetrated by the soldiers of Your country.

"His Majesty the Emperor of China, feeling profound regret at the incident, has been pleased to send you to Our Court on a special mission, with an Imperial Letter in acknowledgment of the reparation which you have been charged to deliver to Us it behoves Us to express Our belief that the friendly relations between the two countries will in the future become closer and closer. It is Our earnest wish that the great work of reform, which depends on your Sovereign, will soon be found in effective progress, and that the maintenance of permanent peace in Eastern Asia be thereby secured. In submitting to His Majesty the result of your mission you will not fail to state that We pray for His unbounded happiness and prosperity."

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Intimations.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Company's Office, TO-MORROW, the 28th instant, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts to 30th June, 1901.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 23rd to the 28th instant, both Days inclusive.

DOUGLAS LARPAIK & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, 27th September, 1901. [10:50]

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE is hereby given that the TWENTY-EIGHTH ORDINARY MEETING of the Society will be held at the HEAD OFFICE, No. 1, Queen's Buildings, Hongkong, on THURSDAY, the 10th October, 1901, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with the Statements of Accounts for the year 1900 and for the half year ending the 30th June, 1901, and of declaring Dividends, etc.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Society will be CLOSED from the 30th September to 10th October, both Days inclusive.

By Order of the Board, W. J. SAUNDERS, Secretary.

Hongkong, 19th September, 1901. [10:30]

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE TWENTIETH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the OFFICES of the Undersigned at 12 o'clock (NOON), on THURSDAY, the 17th October.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 3rd to the 17th October, both Days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., General Agents.

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED.

Hongkong, 25th September, 1901. [10:50]

NOTICE.

A DINNER will be given to the Members of THE STRAITS AND SHANGHAI CRICKET TEAMS during the week ending 16th November, at the CITY HALL.

SUBSCRIPTION \$10.

Li is for Subscription will be exhibited at THE HONGKONG CLUB and THE CRICKET CLUB, or Names may be sent to the Undersigned.

E. GUMPERT, C/o Messrs. CALDER, MACGREGOR & CO. Hongkong, 23rd September, 1901. [10:45]

WANTED.

A CHINESE or PORTUGUESE at once, as an ASSISTANT BOOKKEEPER. Salary \$35 to \$40. Apply personally to—

H. RUTTONJEE.

Hongkong, 4th September, 1901. [8:00]

WANTED.

AN EXPERIENCED LADY MANAGER for CRAIGIEBURN HOTEL. Apply by Letter, stating experience and enclosing copies of Testimonials, &c., to THE MANAGER, CRAIGIEBURN HOTEL, Hongkong, 8th August, 1901. [18:20]

WANTED.

AN EXPERIENCED MAN of business to Act as COMPTROLLER from next China New Year. Full Particulars can be obtained on application to the Undersigned.

By Order of the Board of Directors, E. W. RUTTER, Manager. Hongkong, 30th July, 1901. [8:10]

IMPERIAL BANK OF CHINA.

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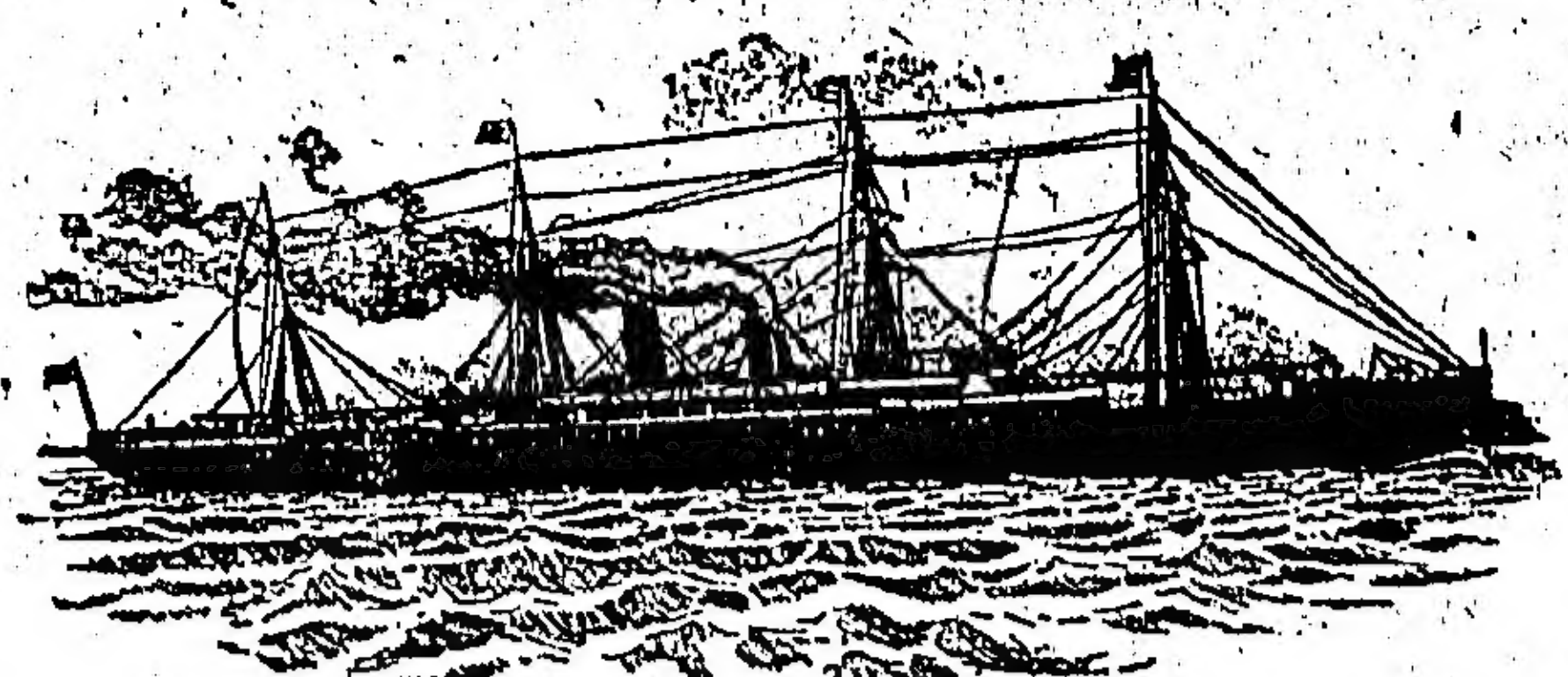
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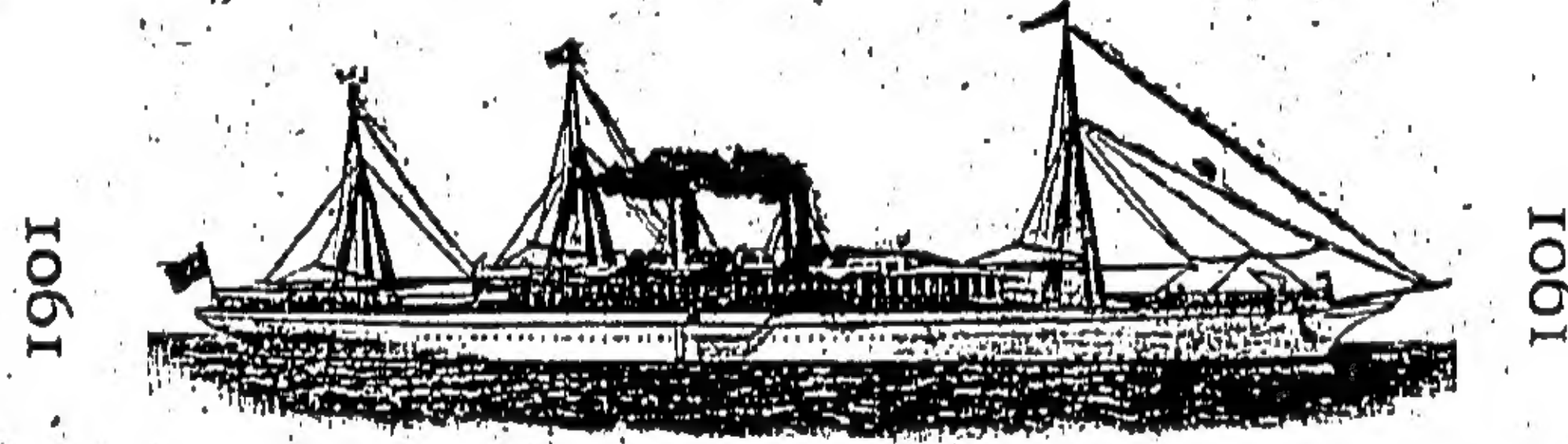
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Hongkong, 26th September, 1901.

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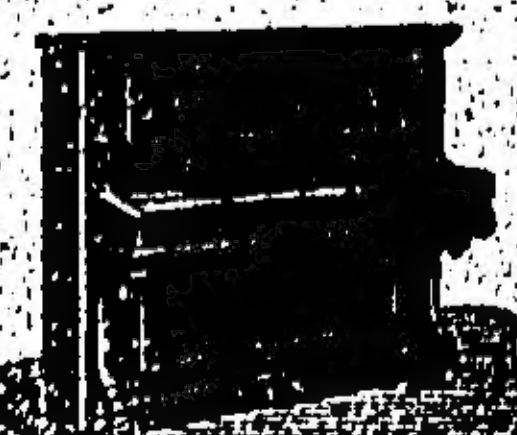
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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

A meeting of the Legislative Council was held yesterday afternoon in the Council Chamber. There were present—His Excellency the Governor (Sir Henry Blake, G.C.M.G.) Hon. Col. L. F. Brown, R.E. (Commanding the Troops), Hon. J. H. Stewart Lockhart, C.M.G. (Colonial Secretary), Hon. H. E. Pollock, K.C. (Acting Attorney-General), Hon. Commander R. M. Runsey, R.N. (Harbour Master), Hon. C. McL. Messer (Acting Colonial Treasurer), Hon. W. Chatham (Acting Director of Public Works), Hon. A. W. Brewin (Registrar General), Hon. C. P. Chater, C.M.G. Hon. T. H. Whitehead, Hon. J. Thurburn, Hon. J. J. Bell-Irving, Hon. Dr. Ho Kai, Hon. Wei A. Yuk, Mr. C. Clementi (Acting Clerk of Councils).

TAKING THE OATH.

Mr. A. W. Brewin was sworn as a new member of the Council, and took his seat vice the Hon. F. H. May, C.M.G., on leave.

THE ESTIMATES.

In bringing forward the Estimates, H. E. the Governor said:—

Hon. Gentlemen of the Legislative Council—As is usual when laying the Estimates before you, it is well to take some account of the incidents of the past year affecting the Colony, to consider our position generally, and to render to you as far as can be done in a short statement an account of our stewardship. It is needless to say that the sad event that touched all our hearts most deeply was the death of our great and dearly loved Queen, for whom all the world has mourned, and to whose memory a great memorial, worthy I hope of the greatest among the great, is projected in London. Towards the cost of that memorial all the Colonies are contributing. Our people of Hongkong have with their usual liberality subscribed \$77,860, to which sum I propose that this Council shall add \$50,000—a proposal that I am certain will meet the approval of every member of the Council.

The war in South Africa, waged under circumstances of exceptional difficulty, and extending over an area nearly as large as the whole of South China east of Yunnan, has cost us many thousands of the flower of our people, who have laid down their lives in the most sacred of all duties—that of upholding the honour of their country. But their sacrifice has not been in vain, for the war, with all its tedious and trying incidents, has shown that the qualities of high courage and patient determination that have built up our Empire are as strong and dominant as at any period of our history, and it has demonstrated that the British Empire is not, as some have thought, a conglomerate of loosely bound protected countries, of Colonies restless under a centralised Government, and of subject nations yielding a sullen submission; but that wherever our flag floats, when the tocsin of war has sounded, the swords of free peoples leaped from their scabbards and the British Empire stood forth solid and compact with the fervour of patriotism throbbing as strongly at the extremities as in the heart of England.

The serious troubles in the North of China have affected this Colony less than might have been expected. These troubles are yet too recent to enable us to form a fair estimate of their cause, and it may be that history will show that there have been grave faults and mistakes on both sides, but happily in the South we have been spared the horrors that have deluged some of the Northern provinces with blood, and I am glad to say that the relations of this Colony with Canton have never been more cordial.

During the past year the amount of shipping entering and clearing from the port was greater than at any period of its history, and the returns show that the financial position of the Colony is satisfactory. A grave local misfortune, was experienced, on the 9th November, when the Colony was visited by a typhoon, the disastrous result of which must be fresh in your memory. In that terrible night to launches and over 110 junks were sunk in the harbour, and it is calculated that between Hongkong and Tai O over two hundred lives were lost. I wish to express here my admiration of the ready and abundant charity with which the inhabitants of every nationality relieved the distress of the sufferers.

I regret deeply that, notwithstanding the precautions taken in the early part of this year, plague re-appeared in the spring in epidemic form and raged with great violence during the summer months. The Medical Officer of Health and the Sanitary staff spared no exertions to check its ravages, but so far I fear that we cannot claim to have discovered either the prevention or the cure. It is, however, our plain duty to leave nothing untried that science can suggest, to save the Colony from the recurring visitations of this disease, and I have no doubt that you will cheerfully grant the necessary funds to carry out any recommendations that may be made after examination by responsible experts.

I have approached the Secretary of State for the Colonies on this subject, and have received an intimation that Mr. Osbert Chadwick, an eminent Sanitary Engineer, will come out at the end of the year to examine and report upon the sanitary condition of the Colony. I have no doubt that this will be agreeable to the people of Hongkong, who are naturally in a state of great anxiety on the subject of sanitation. It has also been intimated to me that a medical man with experience of the plague epidemic elsewhere will be sent to consult with the Medical Officers of the Colony. I hope most earnestly that the result of these visits may throw some light upon the causes of this annual visitation of plague and enable us to combat its attack with a greater measure of success. The telegrams that have passed on this subject will be laid on the table to-day. Outside the plague mortality, the death-rate of the Colony compares favourably with that of any Colony in the East.

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or any port in China. During the continuance of the epidemic the business of the port was seriously interfered with by the withdrawal from the Colony of many thousands of Chinese who feared that in the event of their contracting the disease they could not, if they so desired, return to their homes. Representations were made on the subject by the Chamber of Commerce and by the inhabitants generally—representations to which I gave my strongest support—but His Majesty's Government did not feel justified in assenting to any regulation under which plague patients could return to their homes. I hope, however, to be able to come to an arrangement with the Viceroy of the two Kwangs that will admit of the transfer under proper precautions of Chinese suffering from the disease who may desire to proceed to Canton for treatment, and thus relieve the anxiety that impelled so many of the Chinese to abandon for a time their occupations in this Colony.

Next to plague our most dangerous disease is malarial fever, which observation proves to be the result of inoculation by the anopheles mosquito. I have determined to enter upon the heavy task of training the nullahs flowing into the City of Victoria, and there have been for several months about 200 coolies employed in cutting the bush and filling the pools that harbour mosquitoes in the western nullahs.

The expenses of the New Territory are still very heavy, and so far the revenue has not nearly come up to the estimate. The reason of this is that the land revenue cannot be satisfactorily collected until the cadastral survey has been made and the lands demarcated. The difficulty will then disappear. The expenditure has been for the construction of the Tai Po Road, now approaching completion, to Tai Po Hu, for police stations, for police launches in patrol the two hundred miles of coast, for the survey, and for the Land Court, in whose hands the settlement of land claims is placed. These expenses could not have been avoided, and when the country begins to develop the expenses will be amply repaid.

The present financial position of the Colony is satisfactory. On the 31st December, 1900, the assets of the Colony showed a balance over liabilities of \$1,100,785.69, which does not include the value of silver at the Mint, amounting to \$40,415.82. The balance, it is anticipated, will be still further increased by \$358,295.94, the estimated balance of revenue over expenditure in 1901, which will thus increase the assets to \$1,499,497.45.

The loan account of £341,799.15.1, to be paid off in 1943, had £16,485.13.2 to the credit of the Sinking Fund.

The revenue for 1900 was \$4,302,874.40, and the expenditure was \$3,628,847.13. Taking the revenue of five years ago at \$2,609,878.94 and the expenditure exclusive of the interest and Sinking Fund of the Loan at \$2,444,221.05, these figures show that in five years the revenue has increased by 61 per cent. and the expenditure by 56 per cent.

Turning to the Estimate now placed before you, it will be seen that the estimated revenue amounts to \$4,605,964, and the estimated expenditure, including Public Works Extraordinary, to \$4,360,505.26. The memorandum accompanying the Estimates for 1901 explains in detail the reasons for the anticipated increases and decreases in the various items of Revenue. 1/11 has been taken as the rate of exchange for sterling payments.

The Land Revenue of the New Territory is estimated at \$3,000. It is expected that this sum will be realised, but, as I have already explained, the true revenue of that portion of the Colony cannot be hoped for until the survey has been completed and the land claims decided. As to the details of expenditure, every department shows an increase on its establishment. This is due to the increase in the pay of subordinate officers of the Service as recommended by the Committee appointed last year, and to additions to the staff of certain departments. There seems to be a general impression that certain departments—the Public Works, the Post Office, the Medical Department, and the Sanitary Department—are being unduly curtailed as regards funds, or personnel, or both. It may therefore be interesting to contrast the annual expenditure on these departments in 1896, in 1900, and in present Estimates.

Public Works, Post Office, Medical, Sanitary.
1896 \$1,536,604.10 \$1,538,701.17 \$1,537,753.19 \$1,541,413.15
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As regards the Public Works Department, the Acting Director of Public Works reports that the staff is not sufficiently strong to carry out the various works and duties entrusted to it. Provision has therefore been made in the Estimates for two additional engineers. It is my intention to appoint a Commission to report upon the staff and working of the Public Works Department, which is the chief spending department of the Colony.

With respect to the Post Office, every effort is being made to render that institution worthy of the Colony. It must be evident that here there are exceptional difficulties to contend against, but it is hoped that the comparatively few complaints received of late may be an indication that matters are working more smoothly. The Postmaster-General, Commander Hastings, has just returned from leave, during which time he has devoted himself to inquiry into the working of the department in England, and he will, I am certain, be ably seconded by Mr. Lewis, who has discharged the duties of Acting Postmaster-General very satisfactorily during the absence of Commander Hastings.

I have also considered the state of the Medical Department, and have decided to increase the staff at once by making provision in the Estimates for two Assistant Surgeons, one of whom will be employed as Second Health Officer of the Port in accordance with the recommendation of the Chamber of Commerce.

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Should it be found that any further addition to the Sanitary staff is necessary, I shall appeal to you with confidence for the necessary funds. Apart from the staff, it is not improbable that very large sums will have to be expended in the near future in the Sanitary improvement of the City—sums that will absorb our balance and probably involve increased taxation. Happily the taxation of the Colony is comparatively light, and in a matter of such moment I feel that I can depend upon you to supply the necessary funds. The estimate for Public Works Extraordinary amounts to the large sum of \$802,365.68; of this sum \$146,000 is for water-works and \$82,000 for extensions of markets, while \$79,000 is for the improved accommodation for the Police, which will tend to improve the comfort and efficiency of the Force.

BILLS.

The following Bills will be submitted to you:—

A Bill entitled An Ordinance to apply, a sum not exceeding three million seven hundred and thirty-nine thousand three hundred and twelve dollars and twenty-six cents to the Public Service of the year 1902.

A Bill entitled An Ordinance to amend An Ordinance entitled The Weights and Measures Ordinance, 1885, (No. 8 of 1885).

A Bill entitled An Ordinance to amend The New Territories Land Court Ordinance, 1900, (No. 18 of 1900).

A Bill entitled An Ordinance to amend The Public Health Ordinance, 1901, (No. 13 of 1901).

A Bill entitled An Ordinance relating to Copyright in Works of the Fine Arts, and for suppressing the commission of fraud in the production and sale of such works.

A Bill entitled An Ordinance to amend Ordinance 15 of 1887, and to remove any doubts as to the validity of any matters done under it.

From my experience I know that these and all other measures laid before you will receive conscientious and careful consideration.

PAPERS.

A report by the M. O. H. on the epidemic of bubonic fever (plague) during the half-year ending 30th June, 1901, and a report as to the professional supervision of building works, which was discussed at a meeting held on the 5th inst. of civil engineers, architects, and surveyors representing the firms in the Colony which have been in practice for the longest period were laid on the table by the Colonial Secretary, together with a financial statement for 1900, report by the Registrar-General on the census of the Colony for 1901, and telegrams regarding the appointment of sanitary experts.

FINANCIAL.

On the motion of the Colonial Secretary, seconded by the Acting Colonial Treasurer, Financial Minutes Nos. 57 to 60 were referred to the Finance Committee.

On the motion of the Colonial Secretary, seconded by the Acting Colonial Treasurer, the report of the Finance Committee (No. 9) was adopted.

QUEEN VICTORIA MEMORIAL FUND.

Colonial Secretary—Sir, I beg to move that this Council vote a sum of \$50,000 in aid of the memorial to Her late Majesty Queen Victoria. No words of mine are necessary to commend this vote to hon. members. Hongkong was founded and flourished during the glorious reign of her late Majesty Queen Victoria, and it is therefore only natural, Sir, that this Colony should desire to contribute towards a memorial intended to perpetuate the memory of one of the greatest Queens in British history, Victoria the Great and Good. (Applause.)

Mr. Chater—Your Excellency, I have much pleasure in seconding the resolution just made that the Colony should contribute out of its revenue the sum of \$50,000 toward the erection of a proposed memorial in London to the late Queen Victoria. I do so with the more satisfaction because unfortunately I was prevented by indisposition from being present at a meeting held here on the 14th ult., and seconding the resolution in reference to the starting of a public subscription, which I am glad to see has reached such a creditable sum. It has been already remarked, that this is a most fitting action for the Colony, which was the first to be acquired during the long and glorious reign of Queen Victoria of illustrious memory, and it should be worthily represented in any memorial of that reign. This Sir, if I mistake not, was the first Colony to have the name of our late majesty given to it, and I am sure it is right that it should respond most liberally to the invitation extended to it (applause). We have prospered much and grown into commercial greatness during the sixty odd years of Queen Victoria's beneficent rule, and I am sure we are only too happy to be permitted the opportunity of giving some, if inadequate, expression to that feeling of gratitude and veneration for a great and good Sovereign which is now afforded to us (applause). I trust, Sir, that the monument about to be erected will in every way be worthy of the late Queen. I see that it has been placed in very good hands, but the subject is one of unusual difficulty, though we hope that the sculptors and designers will rise to the unique occasion and create a memorial of beauty that shall impress coming generations and show them how this great Empire loved and honoured a wise ruler and a pious Queen. (Applause.)

The motion was unanimously agreed to.

REPORT OF PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE.

Colonial Secretary—With reference to the matters dealt with in the Report of the Public Works Committee (No. 5) and in the Letter from the civil engineers and architects, I beg to inform the Council that they are under the consideration of the Government, and it is the intention of the Government to introduce shortly legislation dealing with those matters.

NEW SANITARY BY-LAWS.

Mr. Chatham—Sir, I beg to move the adoption of additional bye-laws for the prevention of plague.

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of epidemic, endemic, or contagious disease, made by the Sanitary Board under Section 13 of the Public Health Ordinance, No. 13 of 1901. These bye-laws, as will be remembered by hon. members, were before the Council at the last meeting, and, as I then explained, the necessity for them arises in a large measure from the practice that exists of dumping dead bodies in the streets, making it impossible for the Board at present to carry out the process of disinfection in cases of houses where such cases have occurred. These measures will enable the Board to carry out a general disinfection. There is at present no means of knowing from what houses the bodies have come, and the result is that these houses escape disinfection. With general disinfection that difficulty will be overcome, and the town would be in a more fit state to meet another epidemic of plague. I beg to move that the bye-laws be adopted.

The Acting Attorney-General seconded the motion.

Colonial Secretary.—It may tend to shorten any discussion that may arise with regard to these bye-laws if I inform hon. members, on behalf of the Government, that the question of compensation, which arose at the last meeting of Council, has been very carefully considered, but it has been found impossible to fix any hard and fast rule. With regard to the amount of compensation to be granted, it has been decided by the Government that each claim for compensation as it arises shall be decided on its merits (applause).

Dr. Ho Kai.—Do I understand that the Government, in the case of damage being done to furniture and so on, will, if this bye-law be passed, entertain any application for compensation, as long as it considers that it is a just and fair application, and that compensation will be paid?

Colonial Secretary.—In reply to the hon. member, I may say that the Government is prepared to consider each case on its merits, and if the case shows that compensation should be paid, such amount as is due will be paid. I trust this explanation will be considered satisfactory by the hon. member.

The motion was carried.

INFECTED PREMISES.

FURTHER ADDITIONAL BYE-LAWS.

Mr. Chatham moved the adoption of the additional bye-laws for the disinfection of infected premises made by the Sanitary Board under Section 13 of the Public Health Ordinance, No. 13 of 1901. He said that No. 8 of the bye-laws was repealed and a new clause substituted, with a trifling variation in the wording, which, however, would have no serious effect on the clause. Bye-law No. 9 was a new bye-law, and its object was to prevent the removal of infected articles from one district undergoing disinfection to another district. It conferred upon officers of the Sanitary Board power to prevent that being done, thus avoiding the possibility of the spread of infection while the process of disinfection was going on.

The Attorney-General seconded the motion, and it was agreed to.

BUILDING COLLAPSE.

The Hon. T. H. Whitehead had given notice of the following questions:—

- (1.) The number of buildings in the Colony, which have fallen down, from 1st January, 1895, to 16th instant (August);
- (2.) The names of the owners of the said buildings;
- (3.) The number of deaths caused thereby;
- (4.) The number of coroners' enquiries held in connection with such deaths;
- (5.) The number of prosecutions, if any, instituted as the result of the said enquiries; and
- (6.) The causes, so far as ascertained, which have contributed to the tumbling down in each case; and, if the collapse of any or all of the buildings in question have resulted from defective construction, will the Honourable Member inform the Council:—

(1.) What precautions, if any, have been taken to prevent the erection of such buildings in the future? and

(2.) What precautions, if any, have been taken to prevent a recurrence of a like calamity attended with such heavy loss of life as that which occurred in Cochrane Street on 14th instant in connection with buildings already in existence?

Mr. Chatham.—I beg to lay upon the table a report which contains answers to Nos. 1 and 6 inclusive of the hon. member's question.

With regard to No. 2, which forms the second portion of the question, the matters therein referred to are under the consideration of the Government.

CORAL AND SHELL FISHERMEN.

Mr. Whitehead had also given notice of the following question:—Will the Honourable the Colonial Secretary inform the Council of the approximate number of fishermen employed in taking coral and shells from the sea adjoining the New Territory, and the names of the places where and about the extent of ground over which such fishing is carried on?

The Colonial Secretary laid on the table a report prepared by the Honourable the Captain Superintendent of Police, showing that the total number of men employed, was 1954, distributed over the following localities:—Tin Wan—approximate area, 12 square miles; Ni Ku Chau and Ping Chau and Ping Chau—3 square miles; Deep Bay—4 square miles; Rocky Harbour, Port Shelter, and Hobe Haven—7 square miles; Ping Chau (in Mrs. Bay), Knob Reef, Flat Reef (both in Tolo Channel), and Centre Island (in Tolo Harbour)—approximate area not given. The approximate number of boats was 304 and of junks 99, making a total of 394.

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COCHRANE STREET COLLAPSE.

Mr. Whitehead had further given notice of his intention to ask the following question:—Will the Honourable the Attorney General lay upon the table a copy of the depositions taken by the Magistrate at the enquiry, held at the Magistracy on 30th August last under Ordinance No. 7 of 1889, into the death of forty-three persons consequent upon the collapse or tumbling down of houses Nos. 32 and 34, Cochrane Street, on the night of 14th idem, together with a copy of the Magistrate's decision or finding thereon?

The depositions, in printed form, were laid on the table.

PUBLIC SERVICE OF YEAR 1902.

The Colonial Secretary moved the first reading of a Bill entitled An Ordinance to apply a sum not exceeding Three million seven hundred and forty thousand four hundred and one dollars and sixty-one cents to the Public Service of the year 1902. He suggested that hon. members be afforded time to consider the Bill, so that when it came up again they might be in a position to deal with the matter it contains in a thorough and satisfactory manner.

The Acting Colonial Treasurer seconded, and the bill was read a first time.

OTHER FIRST READINGS.

On the motion of the Acting Attorney General, seconded by the Colonial Secretary, the following Bills were read a first time:—

A Bill entitled An Ordinance to amend An Ordinance entitled The Weights and Measures Ordinance, 1885 (No. 8 of 1885).

A Bill entitled An Ordinance to amend The New Territories Land Court Ordinance 1900 (No. 18 of 1900).

A Bill entitled An Ordinance, to amend the Public Health Ordinance, 1901 (No. 13 of 1901).

A Bill entitled An Ordinance relating to Copyright in Works of the Fine Arts, and for repressing the commission of fraud in the production and sale of such works.

TO AMEND AN ORDINANCE.

Mr. Bell-Irving moved the first reading of a Bill entitled An Ordinance to amend Ordinance 15 of 1887, and to remove any doubts as to the validity of any matters done under it.

Mr. Chater seconded, and the motion was carried.

JURY CONSOLIDATION.

The Acting Attorney-General moved the second reading of the Bill entitled An Ordinance to further amend the Jury Consolidation Ordinance, 1887.

The Colonial Secretary seconded, and the motion was carried.

The Council then went into committee on the Bill, and there being no alterations, on the Council resuming the Bill was read a third time and passed.

TO AMEND PROBATES ORDINANCE.

The Acting Attorney-General moved the second reading of the Bill entitled An Ordinance to amend The Probates Ordinance, 1897, (No. 3 of 1897).

The Colonial Secretary seconded, and the motion was carried.

The Council then went into committee on the Bill, and on resuming, there being no alterations, the Bill was read a third time and passed.

THE MERCHANT SHIPPING CONSOLIDATION ORDINANCE.

The Acting Attorney-General moved the second reading of the Bill entitled An Ordinance to amend The Merchant Shipping Consolidation Ordinance, 1899, (Ordinance 36 of 1899). He said the reasons for the various amendments to the Ordinance would be found in the objects and reasons attached to the Bill. When the Council went into committee on the Bill he intended to move two amendments one with regard to clause 2 of the Bill and the other with regard to section 8.

The Colonial Secretary seconded, and the motion was carried.

The Council then went into committee on the Bill, when the amendments proposed by the Acting Attorney-General were agreed to.

On the Council resuming, the third reading was not moved, in order to afford the Chamber of Commerce an opportunity of considering the measure before it finally becomes law.

MANUFACTURE OF GUNPOWDER AND FIREWORKS.

The Acting Attorney-General moved the second reading of the Bill entitled An Ordinance to amend the law relating to the manufacture of gunpowder and of fireworks, and to regulate the sale and conveyance of gunpowder. He said that most of the provisions of this Bill were adapted from those of the English Explosive Act, 1876, and thought it provided a very necessary amendment in the law of the Colony, because the present Gunpowder Bill had been in force since 1848, and was a very primitive Ordinance indeed, although in the early years of the Colony it was amply sufficient.

The Colonial Secretary seconded, and the motion was carried.

The Council then went into Committee on the Bill, and on resuming, there being no alterations, the Bill was read a third time and passed.

CROWN LEASES.

The Acting Attorney-General moved the third reading of the Bill entitled An Ordinance to validate Crown leases heretofore made of Foreshore and submerged Lands within the territorial waters of the Colony for reclamation and other purposes and to legalize and facilitate the making of such leases hereafter.

The Colonial Secretary seconded the motion.

Mr. Whitehead moved an amendment that the Bill be read this day six months. He was still of opinion that in the matter there was a violation of the expressly implied provisions of agreement between the Imperial Government of China and the Government of Great Britain with regard to the acquisition of the New Territory. That being so, he wished to record his vote against the measure.

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The motion of the Acting Attorney-General was put to the Council and carried, Mr. Whitehead being the only dissident.

STAMPS AND STAMP DUTY.

The Acting Attorney-General moved the third reading of the Bill entitled An Ordinance to amend and consolidate the Laws relating to Stamps and Stamp Duty in the Colony of Hongkong.

The Colonial Secretary seconded, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.

H. E. the Governor.—The Council will stand adjourned till this day week. Hon. members will understand that the Estimates will not be taken this day week.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The Colonial Secretary presided at a meeting of the Finance Committee, which was then held.

In the first minute the Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of \$600 to cover the half salary of a second assistant marine surveyor for six months from the 17th August, 1901, at \$100 per month.

The vote was agreed to.

In the next minute the Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of \$500 in aid of the vote of \$500 for "Medicines supplied to the New Territory."

Colonial Secretary.—A large quantity of quinine was used in the New Territory, and if the experiments in this line are to continue it will be necessary to vote the money.

The vote was agreed to.

In the third minute the Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of \$26,500 in aid of the following votes:—

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The vote was agreed to.

In the last minute the Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of \$30,000, being a Government grant in aid of the Queen Victoria Memorial Fund.

The recommendation was agreed to, and the Committee rose.

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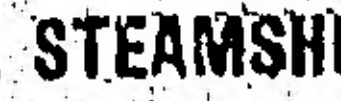
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pany's Office.

P. DE CHAMPMORIN,

Acting Agent.

Hongkong, 23rd September, 1901. [1004c]

CALIFORNIA AND ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

IN CONNECTION WITH

THE ATCHESON TOPEKA & SANTA

FE RAILROAD CO.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM

HONGKONG TO SAN DIEGO AND

SAN FRANCISCO,

VIA SHANGHAI, INLAND SEA OF

JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

Taking Cargo and Passengers to JAPAN PORTS,

and HONOLULU, THE UNITED STATES, &c.

Strathgyle, about 1 Oct. to

THE Steamship

"STRATHGYLE"

will be despatched for SAN DIEGO and SAN

FRANCISCO, via MOJI, KOBE, YOKO-

HAMA and HONOLULU, on or about

THURSDAY, the 10th October.

Through Bills of Lading issued to any point

in the United States.

Cargo will be received on board until 5 P.M.

the day previous to sailing. Parcel packages

will be received at the OFFICE until the same

time. All parcels should be marked to address

in full. Value of same is required.

Consular Invoices, to accompany cargo des-

tined to Ports beyond San Diego, should be

sent to the Company's Office, addressed to the

Collector of Customs, San Diego.

For further Information as to Freight or

Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,

Agents.

Hongkong, China and Japan,

Hongkong, 24th September, 1901. [1032c]

Shipping.

STEAMERS.

THE OSAKA SHOSHEN KAISHA, LIMITED.

FOR ANPING VIA SWATOW AND AMOY.

THE Company's Steamship

"MAIDZURU MARU,"

Captain K. Sudzuki, will be despatched for the

above Ports, on WEDNESDAY, the 2nd

October.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

THE MITSUI BUSSAN KAISHA,

Agents.

Hongkong, 20th September, 1901. [226c]

THE OSAKA SHOSHEN KAISHA, LIMITED.

FOR FOCHOW VIA SWATOW AND

AMOY.

THE Company's Steamship

"ANPING MARU,"

Captain S. Atsumi, will be despatched for the

above Port, on WEDNESDAY, the 9th October,

at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

THE MITSUI BUSSAN KAISHA,

Agents.

Hongkong, 25th September, 1901. [321c]

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.'S

NEW YORK LINE.

FOR NEW YORK VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Steamship

"ASAMA,"

Captain F. F. Bensch, will be despatched for the

above Port, on the 15th December, 1901.

For Freight, apply to

SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,

Agents.

Hongkong, 24th September, 1901. [1053c]

SAILING VESSEL.

FOR NEW YORK.

THE 3/4 A. I. American ship

"MANUEL LAGUNO,"

will load during September and October, sailing

about 25th October.

For Freight, apply to

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.

Agents.

Hongkong, 8th July, 1901. [727c]

Consignees.

NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP "OLYMPIA,"

FROM TACOMA, VICTORIA, YOKO-

HAMA, KOBE, MOJI AND

HANGHAI.

The above Steamer having arrived, Consignees

of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their

Bills of Lading for Counter-signature, and to take

immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel

will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk

and expense.

DODWELL & Co., LIMITED,

Agents.

Hongkong, 25th September, 1901. [14]

THE CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL.

THE Company's Steamship

"TEENKA,"

having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees

of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods

are being landed and placed at their risk in the

Hongkong and Kowloon Wharves and Godown.

Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each

consignment will be sorted out mark by mark,

and delivery can be obtained as soon as the

goods are landed.

Goods not cleared by the 3rd October, at

Noon, will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in

any case whatever.

All damaged packages must be left in the

Godowns, and a certificate of the damage

obtained from the Godown Company within

ten days after the vessel's arrival here, after

which no claims will be recognised.

Optional Goods will be landed here, unless

instructions are given to the contrary, before

5 P.M., TO-DAY.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,

Agents.

Hongkong, 26th September, 1901. [1060c]

OCCIDENTAL AND ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES OF CARGO per Steamship

"GAELIC,"

are hereby notified that their Goods are at their

risk being discharged into Lighters and/or

landed into our Godowns at Wanchai and

delivery may be had either from Lighters or

from our Godowns upon counter-signature of

Bills of Lading.

Goods remaining unclaimed after the 3rd

October, will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

GEORGE ECKLEY,

Acting Agent.

Hongkong, 26th September, 1901. [12]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship

FROM BOMBAY, COLOMBO AND

STRAITS.

Consignees of Cargo by the above-named

vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are

being landed and placed at their risk in the

Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown

Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each

consignment will be sorted out mark by mark

and delivery can be obtained as soon as the

Goods are landed.

This vessel brings on Cargo—

From London, &c., ex S.S. *Aradla*.

From Persian Gulf, ex B. I. S. N. and B. & P.

S. N. Co.'s Steamers.

Optional Goods will be landed here unless

instructions are given to the contrary before

4 P.M., TO-DAY.

Goods not cleared by the 3rd October, at 4

P.M., will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in

any case whatever.

All damaged Packages must be left in the

Godowns, and a certificate of the damage

obtained from the Godown Company within

ten days after the Vessel's arrival here, after

which no Claims will be recognised.

H. A. RITCHIE,

Superintendent.

Hongkong, 26th September, 1901. [15]

Consignees.

STEAMSHIP "LAOS."

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo from London ex

s.s. *Orizabal*, from Havre ex s.s. *Orizabal*

and from Bordeaux ex s.s. *Ville d'Arras*,

in connection with above Steamer, are hereby

NOTANDA

CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER.

Meteorological means based on fifteen years' observations 1858-1872.

Barometer.....29.755
Thermometer.....81.0
Humidity.....83
Rainfall.....13.482

TO-DAY.

WEATHER REPORT.

On date at 10 a.m. On date at 4 p.m.
Barometer.....29.97 29.85
Temperature.....81 81
Humidity.....83 70
Rainfall.....0.45

TO-DAY.

Friday, 27th September, 1901.

Chinese—15th of 8th moon of 27th year of Kwang-su.

Sun—Rises.....5hr. 52min.
Sets.....5hr. 52min.

Moon—In Equator 2hr. 4min.
High water—Morning.....5hr. 43min.
Evening.....5hr. 43min.

Low water—Morning.....5hr. 11min.
Evening.....5hr. 11min.

ANNIVERSARIES.

1793—George Cruikshank born.

1851—Treaty of Commerce between Britain and Belgium.

1873—American dollar assayed by the Chinese Government.

1898—Sir H. Kitchener raised to the peerage.

TO-MORROW.

Saturday, 28th September, 1901.

Chinese—16th of 8th moon of 27th year of Kwang-su.

Sun—Rises.....5hr. 52min.
Sets.....5hr. 52min.

Moon—Full Moon.....5hr. 52min. a.m.
High water—Morning.....5hr. 43min.
Evening.....5hr. 43min.

Low water—Morning.....5hr. 11min.
Evening.....5hr. 11min.

ANNIVERSARIES.

1840—Louis Napoleon sentenced to perpetual imprisonment for the landing at Boulogne.

1860—Capture of Ancona by Garibaldi.

1870—Surrender of Sirasburg.

1890—Departure from Macao of the German steamer *Amigo*, the first and last vessel of a line between China and Mexico.

AGENDA.

TO-MORROW.

Daylight—E. & A. Co.'s steamer *Australian* leaves for Shanghai.

Noon—P. & O. Co.'s steamer *Chusan* leaves for Bombay.

Noon—Ordinary Meeting of Shareholders of the Douglas Steamship Co., at the Company's office.

SUNDAY, 29th.

O. S. K. Co.'s steamer *Dajin Maru* leaves for Tamsui via Swatow and Amoy.

TUESDAY, October 1st.

3 p.m.—D. S. S. & Co.'s steamer *Lightning* leaves for Calcutta.

3 p.m.—I. C. S. N. Co.'s steamer *Loksan* leaves for Swatow and Tientsin.

9 p.m.—Regular Meeting of the Zeland Lodge at the Freemason's Hall, Zeland Street.

Cargo ex *Yaba Maru* subject to rent.

Cargo ex *Carinthia* subject to rent.

Cargo ex *Richmond Castle* subject to rent.

WEDNESDAY, 2nd.

O. S. K. Co.'s steamer *Maiduru Maru* leaves for Anping, via Swatow and Amoy.

THURSDAY, 3rd.

Cargo ex *Hengshui* subject to rent.

Cargo ex *Tsukai* subject to rent.

Cargo ex *Qatle* subject to rent.

MONDAY, 7th.

1 p.m.—M. M. Co.'s steamer *Natal* leaves for Marseilles via Bombay.

THURSDAY, 10th.

Noon—Twenty-eighth Ordinary Yearly Meeting of shareholders in the Union Insurance Society of Canton, Limited.

THURSDAY, 17th.

Noon—Twentieth Ordinary General Meeting of shareholders in the Canton Insurance Office, Limited.

SHIPPING GAZETTE.

In future the *Telegraph* shipping form supplied to Captains of vessels will contain a heading for notices of officers and engineers transferred or on leave, etc. Friends will much oblige by giving this information—

August 26th.

Capt. Davis has resumed command of the *Haitan*.

Mr. Evans, chief officer, has returned to the *Haitan*.

Mr. Short, 2nd officer of the *Haitan*, has returned to that ship.

August 30th.

Captain W. Passmore has taken over the command of the *Haitan*.

Mr. Walters has joined the *Haitan* as 3rd engineer.

September 11th.

The officers of the *Flandria* (Capt. F. Eichbaum) are—chief officer W. Schaake, 2nd E. Lehmann, chief engineer M. Biese, and C. Petersen, 3rd H. Brandt, assistant engineer, H. Dittmann.

September 20th.

Mr. D. Bowie is acting 2nd officer of the *Haitan* vice Mr. Short on leave.

Mr. Attwood has joined the same ship as 3rd officer.

September 23rd.

The officers of the s.s. *Diamant* (Capt. Rattenbury) are—chief officer A. J. Motley, 2nd A. Fraser, 3rd F. M. Turner, chief engineer J. Hill, and J. Potts, 3rd D. Wilson, doctor S. Castro.

SHIPPING AND MAIL NEWS.

MAILS DUE.

Canadian (*Empress of China*) 30th inst.

Indian (*Kunming*) 1st prox.

German (*Sachsen*) 2nd prox.

American (*Hongkong Maru*) 2nd prox.

American (*China*) 10th prox.

American (*Doric*) 18th prox.

The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamer *Socotra* left Singapore for this port on the 26th inst., at 5 p.m.

THE SHARE MARKET.

LATEST QUOTATIONS.

(SEPTEMBER 27th.)

COMPANIES.	PAID UP VALUE.	LATEST QUOTATION.
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Banks.

Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation	\$ 125	\$605 buyers
The Bank of China and Japan, Limited—(Preference)	£ 5	nominal
The Bank of China and Japan, Limited—(Ordinary)	£ 4	20.15
The Bank of China and Japan, Limited—(Deferred)	£ 1	£5
National Bank of China, Limited	£ 8	\$28
Do, Founders	£ 1	\$15 sellers

Marine Insurances.

Union Insurance Society of Canton, Limited	\$ 50	\$142½ buyers
China Traders' Insurance Company, Limited	\$ 25	\$60 sellers
North China Insurance Company, Limited	\$ 25	Tails 195
Yongtze Insurance Association, Limited	\$ 60	\$122½
Canton Insurance Office, Limited	\$ 50	\$167½ buyers
Straits Insurance Company, Limited	\$ 20	nominal

Fire Insurances.

Hongkong Fire Insurance Company, Limited	\$ 50	\$342½
China Fire Insurance Company, Limited	\$ 20	\$83 sellers

Shipping.

Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Company, Limited	\$ 15	\$34½ buyers
Indo-China Steam Navigation Company, Limited	£ 10	\$139 buyers
China and Manila Steamship Company, Limited	\$ 50	\$58 sellers
Douglas Steamship Company, Limited	\$ 50	\$44 buyers
China Mutual Steam Navigation Company, Limited—(Preference)	£ 10	£10
China Mutual Steam Navigation Company, Limited—(Ordinary)	£ 5	£5
China Mutual Steam Navigation Company, Limited—(Ordinary Bonus)	£ 10	£7.10
Star Ferry Company, Limited	£ 2½	\$24½ buyers
"Shell" Transport and Trading Company, Limited	£ 1	£2.10 sales

Refineries.

China Sugar Refining Company, Limited	\$ 100	\$151 sellers
Luzon Sugar Refining Company, Limited	\$ 100	\$35 sellers

Mining.

Punjom Mining Company, Limited	\$ 9	\$5 sellers
Punjom Mining Preference Shares	\$ 1	\$1.25
Société Française des Charbonnages du Tonkin	Francs 250	\$325
Queen Mines, Limited	Cents 25	\$5 cents
Ileebu Mining and Trading Company, Limited	\$ 5	\$5 buyers
Raub A'lian Gold Mining Company, Limited	£ 18s. 10d.	\$13 buyers
Olivers Freehold Mines, Limited A	\$ 5	nominal
Olivers Freehold Mines, Limited B	\$ 5	nominal

Docks, Wharves and Godowns.

Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company, Limited	\$ 50	\$380 buyers
Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited	\$ 50	\$99
Wanchai Warehouse and Storage Company, Limited	\$ 37½	nominal
New Amoy Dock Company, Limited	\$ 6½	\$25 buyers

Lands, Hotels and Buildings.

China Provident Loan and Mortgage Company, Limited	\$ 10	\$9.75 sellers
Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Company, Limited	\$ 100	\$192½ buyers
Kowloon Land and Building Company, Limited	\$ 30	\$14
West Point Building Company, Limited	\$ 30	\$55 buyers
Hongkong Hotel Company, Limited	\$ 50	\$127 buyers
Oriente Hotel Company, Limited	\$ 50	\$55
Humphrey's Estate and Finance Company, Limited	\$ 10	\$13½ sales

Cotton Mills.

Hongkong Cotton, Spinning, Weaving and Dyeing Company, Limited	\$ 10	\$11½ buyers
Ewo Cotton Spinning and Weaving Company, Limited	Tails 100	Tails 40 buyers
International Cotton Manufacturing Company, Limited	Tails 100	Tails 32½
Laou-kung-mow Cotton Spinning and Weaving Company, Limited	Tails 100	Tails 42½
Sey Chee Cotton Spinning Company, Limited	Tails 500	Tails 260
Yahloong Cotton Spinning Company, Limited	Tails 100	Tails 11

Oigar Companies.

Alhambra, Limited	\$ 500	\$1,000 nominal
Philippine Tobacco Trust Co., Limited	\$ 50	\$50 nominal

Miscellaneous.

Green Island Cement Company, Limited	\$ 10	\$21½ sellers
China-Borneo Company, Limited	\$ 15	\$38 sellers
A. S. Watson & Co., Limited	\$ 10	\$158 buyers
Watkins, Limited	\$ 10	\$10 sales
Hongkong Electric Company, Limited	\$ 10	\$13 sales
Hongkong and China Gas Company, Limited	£ 10	\$140 buyers
Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Company, Limited	\$ 50	\$122½
Geo. Fenwick & Co., Limited	\$ 25	\$55 sellers
Hongkong Ice Company, Limited	\$ 25	\$183 buyers
Hongkong High-Level Tramways Company, Limited	\$ 100	\$275 buyers
Dairy Farm Company, Limited	\$ 6	\$8 buyers
Hongkong and China Bakery Company, Limited	\$ 50	\$50
Campbell, Moore & Co., Limited	\$ 10	\$20 buyers
Bell's Asbestos Eastern Agency, Limited	\$ 1	\$1.10
United Asbestos Oriental Agency, Limited	\$ 4	\$10
Tebrau Planting Company, Limited	\$ 5	\$3 sellers
Universal Trading Co., Limited	\$ 20	\$102 buyers
Hongkong Steam Waterboat Co., Limited	\$ 20	\$8 buyers
China Light and Power Co., Limited	\$ 20	\$20 sellers
Robinson Piano Co., Limited	\$ 50	\$50
Manila Investment Co., Limited	\$ 50	\$50 nominal

BENJAMIN, KELLY & POTTS,
Share Brokers.

Telegraph Address—"Rialto."

Telephone No. 148.

STEAMERS EXPECTED.

VESSEL'S NAME	FLAG & RIO	CAPTAIN	FROM	AGENTS	DUE
Empress of China	B str.	R. Archibald, R.N.R.	Japan	C. P. R. Co.	Sept. 30th
Hongkong Maru	J str.	W. E. Filmer	Japan	P. M. S. S. Co.	Oct. 2nd
Sachsen	G str.	H. Supper	Singapore	Melchers & Co.	Oct. 2nd
Preussen	G str.	E. Prehn	Japan	Melchers & Co.	Oct. 2nd
China	A str.	W. B. Seabury	San Francisco	P. M. S. S. Co.	Oct. 10th

We would direct the attention of shipping firms to the style in which "Steamers Expected" and "Projected Sailings" are now published in these columns and in so doing, respectfully urge the managers of the shipping firms to give orders to their clerks to furnish this office, on the forms already supplied gratis, with the latest available information every day.

CHINA COAST METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

26TH SEPTEMBER, 1901, P.M.

STATION.	HOUR.	BAROMETER.	TEMPERATURE.	HUMIDITY.	DIRECTION.	FORCE.	WEATHER.
Wladivostok	2 p.m.	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tokio	"	29.90	—	—	—	—	—
Kochi	"	29.90	—	—	—	—	—
Nagasaki	"	29.90	—	—	SE	2	—
Kagoshima	"	30.03	—	—	N	2	—
Taihoku	1 p.m.	29.93	—	—	SE	8	—
Taichu	"	29.79	—	—	SW	2	—
Tainan	"	29.78	—	—	W	6	—
Koshun	"	29.82	—	—	NE	2	—
Pescadores	"	29.88	—	—	NE	10	—
Gutlaff	3 p.m.	30.11	71	65	NE	4	cv
Sharp Peak	"	29.93	79	74	E	7	c
Amoy	"	29.90	85	64	NE	3	c
Swatow	"	29.86	84	83	W	1	c
Canton	"	29.88	81	61	ESE	2	b
Hongkong	4 p.m.	29.88	—	—	ESE	2	c
Victoria Peak	"	—	—	—	—	—	—
Gap Rock	"	—	—	—	—	—	—
Macao	"	29.88	86	—	S	2	c
Haiphong	1 p.m.	—	—	—	—	—	—
Manila	4 p.m.	29.80	82	92	SSW	1	o
Malate	3 p.m.	—	—	—	SW	1	o
Bacolod	"	—	—	—	W	2	c
Hilo	"	29.84	83	—	SW	2	c
Cebu	"	29.81	85	—	SW	2	c
Cape S. James	"	—	—	—	—	—	—

27TH SEPTEMBER, 1901, A.M.

STATION.	HOUR.	BAROMETER.	TEMPERATURE.	HUMIDITY.	DIRECTION.	FORCE.	WEATHER.
Wladivostok	7 a.m.	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tokio	10 a.m.	30.22	—	—	N	4	—
Kochi	"	30.11	—	—	E	4	—
Nagasaki	"	30.11	—	—	E	4	—
Kagoshima	"	30.15	—	—	E	4	—
Taihoku	5 a.m.	29.78	—	—	—	—	—
Taichu	"	29.78	—	—	NE	2	—
Tainan	"	29.81	—	—	—	—	—
Koshun	"	29.81	—	—	NE	10	—
Pescadores	"	29.81	—	—	—	—	—
Gutlaff	9 a.m.	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sharp Peak	"	29.97	76	77	N	3	o
Amoy	"	29.92	79	74	NNW	1	o
Swatow	"	—	—	—	—	—	—
Canton	"	29.99	83	83	SW	1	b
Hongkong	10 a.m.	29.97	81	83	—	—	—
Victoria Peak	"	—	—	—	NNE	1	c
Gap Rock	"	—	—	—	—	—	—
Macao	"	29.97	81	—	SE	1	o
Haiphong	7 a.m.	—	—	—	—	—	—
Manila	10 a.m.	29.92	86	71	WNW	2	c
Malate	9 a.m.	—	—	—	E	2	b
Bacolod	"	—	—	—	W	1	c
Hilo	"	29.96	81	—	—	—	—
Cebu	"	29.94	85	—	—	—	—
Cape S. James	7 a.m.	—	—	—	ESE	1	c

On the 27th at 12.5 p.m. The barometer has risen over Japan, and is little changed elsewhere. Pressure is high over N. China and Japan, and relatively low in the neighbourhood of S. Formosa. Gradients moderate for N. and N.E. winds on the China coast. Forecast:—N. winds, slightly to moderate; fair.

F. G. FIGG,

First Assistant.

HONGKONG OBSERVATORY,

Friday, 27th September, 1901.

PROJECTED SAILINGS.

Destination.	Vessels.	Agents.	Date of Leaving.
Anping, S'tow & Amoy.	Maidzuru Maru.....	Mitsui Bussan Kaisha.....	Oct. 2.
B'bay v. S'pore & C'mbo	Kagoshima Maru.....	Nippon Yusen Kaisha.....	Oct. 11, at noon.
Bremen & Ports of Call.	Preussen.....	Melchers & Co.....	Oct. 3, at noon.
"	Hamburg.....	"	Oct. 16, at noon.
"	Sachsen.....	"	Oct. 30, at noon.
"	Klautschou.....	"	Nov. 13, at noon.
"	Bayern.....	"	Nov. 27, at noon.
"	Stuttgart.....	"	Dec. 11, at noon.
"	König Albert.....	"	Dec. 25, at noon.
"	Princess Irene.....	"	Jan. 8, 1902, at noon.
"	Prior Heinrich.....	"	Jan. 22, 1902, at noon.
Chiofoo and Newchwang	Changsha.....	Butterfield & Swire.....	Sept. 28.
F'chow v. S'tow & Amoy	Anping Maru.....	Mitsui Bussan Kaisha.....	Oct. 9, at daylight.
Havre and Hamburg	Bamberg.....	Hamburg-Am'ka Linie.....	Nov. 2.
"	Arabia.....	"	October 5.
"	Königsberg.....	"	Oct. 19.
"	Segovia.....	"	Nov. 16.
"	Marburg.....	"	Nov. 30.
"	Suevia.....	"	Dec. 14.
Iloilo and Cebu.....	Kaifong.....	Butterfield & Swire.....	Oct. 8.
Kobe and Yokohama.....	Shimano Maru.....	Nippon Yusen Kaisha.....	Oct. 11, at daylight.
Liverpool.....	Ulysses.....	Butterfield & Swire.....	Oct. 15.
"	Dadanus.....	"	Nov. 15.
London.....	Ajax.....	"	Oct. 1.
"	Pyrrhus.....	"	Oct. 15.
"	Calchas.....	"	Oct. 29.
"	Nestor.....	"	Nov. 12.
"	Macchaon.....	"	Nov. 26.
London & Ports of Call	Chusan.....	P. & O. S. N. Co.....	About Oct. 5.
Manila.....	Chingtu.....	Butterfield & Swire.....	Sept. 28, at noon.
"	Yuensang.....	Jardine, Matheson & Co.....	Oct. 12.
Manila v. Amoy.....	Perla.....	Shewan, Tomes & Co.....	Sept. 27, at 5 p.m.
Marseilles, Ports of Cal	Natal.....	Messageries M'times Co.....	Oct. 1.
Marseilles, London, &c	Sanuki Maru.....	Nippon Yusen Kaisha.....	Oct. 7, at 1 p.m.
"	Hakata Maru.....	"	Oct. 4, at daylight.
Noji, Kobe & Y'hama.....	Yamaguchi Maru.....	"	Oct. 18, at daylight.
New York.....	Manuel Laguno.....	Shewan, Tomes & Co.....	Oct. 8, at noon.
New York v. Suez Canal	Kurdistan.....	Dodwell & Co, Ltd.....	About Oct. 25.
"	Lennox.....	"	Nov. 5.
"	Richmond Castle.....	"	Nov. 20.
"	Satsuma.....	"	Nov. end.
"	Adana.....	Shewan, Tomes & Co.....	Oct. 20.
"	Asama.....	"	Nov. 10.
"	Glengyle.....	McGregor, Bros. & Co.....	Dec. 15.
"	Longships.....	Jardine, Matheson & Co.....	Sept. 28.
"	Kasuga Maru.....	Nippon Yusen Kaisha.....	Oct. 15.
"	Indrapura.....	Portland & Asiatic Co.....	Oct. 18, at noon.
"	Strathgyle.....	Butterfield & Swire.....	Oct. 14.
"	America Maru.....	Toyo Kisen Kaisha.....	About Oct. 10.
"	Hongkong Maru.....	"	Nov. 18, at noon.
"	Nippon Maru.....	"	Oct. 12, at noon.
"	Gaelic.....	Pacific Mail S.S. Co.....	Nov. 5, at noon.
"	Algoa.....	"	Oct. 2, at noon.
"	City of Peking.....	"	About Oct. 5.
"	China.....	"	Dec. 7, at noon.
"	Peru.....	"	Oct. 19, at noon.
"	Doric.....	O'dental & O'tal S.S. Co.....	Nov. 12, at noon.
"	Coptic.....	"	Oct. 29, at noon.
Shanghai.....	Tsinan.....	Butterfield & Swire.....	Nov. 20, at noon.
"	Australia.....	"	Oct. 3.
Singapore and Bombay	Tientsin.....	G. Livingston & Co.....	Oct. 3.
S'pore, Penang & C'tta.	Lightning.....	P. & O. S. N. Co.....	Sept. 28, at daylight.
Swatow and Tientsin	Loksang.....	D. Sassoon, Son & Co.....	About Oct. 7.
Sydney & Melbourne	Airlie.....	Jardine, Matheson & Co.....	Oct. 1, at 3 p.m.
"	Yawata Maru.....	G. Livingston & Co.....	Oct. 1, at 3 p.m.
Tamsui v. Amoy & S'tow	Daijin Maru.....	Nippon Yusen Kaisha.....	Oct. 3, at noon.
Tientsin.....	Sungkiang.....	Mitsui Bussan Kaisha.....	Oct. 25, at 4 p.m.
Vancouver, v. S'hai, &c	Empress of Japan.....	Butterfield & Swire.....	Sept. 29.
"	Empress of China.....	Canadian P'fic R. Co.....	Sept. 28.
"	Empress of India.....	" at noon.
Victoria, B.C., &c.....	Olympia.....	"	Oct. 23, at noon.
"	Victoria.....	Dodwell & Co, Ltd.....	Nov. 20, at noon.
"	Braemar.....	"	Oct. 1.
"	Queen Adelaide.....	"	Oct. 15.
"	Kinsaku Maru.....	"	Nov. 12.
"	Tosa Maru.....	Nippon Yusen Kaisha.....	Oct. 8.
Y'hama v. S'hai & Kobe	Sacotta.....	"	Oct. 19, at 4 p.m.
"	"	P. & O. S. N. Co.....	Nov. 2, at 4 p.m.
"	"	"	About Oct. 4.

Post Office.

A Mail will close—

For Canton—Per *Hankow*, to-morrow, the 28th instant, at 7.30 A.M.
 For Singapore—Per *Magul*, to-morrow, the 28th instant, at 9 A.M.
 For Bangkok—Per *Kohsiang*, to-morrow, the 28th instant, at 9 A.M.
 For Tientsin—Per *Kiutiang*, to-morrow, the 28th instant, at 10 A.M.
 For Europe, &c., India, via Tuticorin—Per *Chuan*, to-morrow, the 28th instant, at 11 A.M.
 For Macao—Per *Heungshan*, to-morrow, the 28th instant, at 11 A.M.
 For Kunchuck and Samshui—Per *Tung-kong*, to-morrow, the 28th instant, at 1 P.M.
 For Chefoo and Newchwang—Per *Changsha*, to-morrow, the 28th instant, at 4 P.M.
 For Swatow, Amoy and Tamsui—Per *Daijin Maru*, to-morrow, the 28th instant, at 5 P.M.
 For Hoihow and Hoihow—Per *Michael Jensen*, to-morrow, the 28th instant, at 5 P.M.
 For Canton—Per *Powin*, on Sunday, the 29th instant, at 9 A.M.
 For Swatow and Shanghai—Per *Wingsang*, on Sunday, the 29th instant, at 9 A.M.
 For Amoy, Moji, Kobe, Yokohama, Victoria, (B.C.) and Tacoma—Per *Olympia*, on Tuesday, the 1st Oct., at 11 A.M.
 For Singapore, Penang and Calcutta—Per *Lighting*, on Tuesday, the 1st Oct., at 2 P.M.
 For Swatow and Tientsin—Per *Lokang*, on Tuesday, the 1st Oct., at 2 P.M.
 For Amoy and Manila—Per *Perla*, on Tuesday, the 1st Oct., at 4 P.M.
 For Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama, Honolulu and San Francisco—Per *Gaite*, on Wednesday, the 2nd Oct., at 11 A.M.
 For Port Darwin, Thursday Island, Cooktown, Cairns, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne—Per *Arlio*, on Thursday, the 3rd Oct., at 10 A.M.
 For Europe, &c., India, via Tuticorin—Per *Freuden*, on Thursday, the 3rd Oct., at 11 A.M.
 For Shanghai—Per *Tsain*, on Thursday, the 3rd Oct., at 4 P.M.
 For Shanghai—Per *Wosung*, on Friday, the 4th Oct., at 4 P.M.
 For Manila—Per *Sungkiang*, on Friday, the 4th Oct., at 4 P.M.
 For Iloilo and Gebu—Per *Katong*, on Tuesday, the 8th Oct., at 4 P.M.
 For Moji, Kobe, Yokohama, San Diego and San Francisco—Per *Stratford*, on Thursday, the 10th Oct., at 3 P.M.
 For Europe, &c., India, via Tuticorin—Per *Palawan*, on Saturday, the 15th Oct., at 11 A.M.
 For Port Darwin, Thursday Island, Cooktown, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne—Per *Chinglu*, on Saturday, the 15th Oct., at 4 P.M.

OPIMUM QUOTATIONS.

Hongkong, 27th September.
 To-day's quotations are as follows:—
 BENGAL—New Patia @ 990/35
 New Benares @ 907/10
 Old Benares @ 940/1 nom.
 Old Patia @ 970/1
 MALWA—This and last year's new @ 880/70
 2 1/2 years' old @ 880/90
 4 1/2 years' old @ 900/90
 Putterline @ 920
 PERSIAN—Fine quality @ 980/830

RIVER STEAMERS, SCHOONERS, AND LOBOAS.

Fatshan, British steamer, 1,425, Lossius, Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Co.
Honam, British steamer, 1,377, H. D. Jones, Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Co.
Powin, British steamer, 1,873, A. N. Patrick, Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Co.
Hankow, British steamer, 2,252, C. V. Lloyd, Butterfield & Swire.
Hoi-fong, Chinese steamer, 409 tons, Captain Chi Wo & Co.
Tai-on, British steamer, 728, J. Lawrence, Tai On Steamship Co.
Pak Kong, British steamer, Kwong Wan S.S. Co.
Kong Nam, British steamer, T. Austin, R.N.R., Chinese Owned.

Hongkong and Macao.
Heungshan, British steamer, 1,055, W. E. Clarke, Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Co.

Macao and Canton.
Lungshan, British steamer, 1,411, G. F. Morrison, R.N.R., Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Co.
Kiangtung, Chinese steamer, 583, R. J. Mackenzie, China Merchant Steam Navigation Co.

Canton and West River.
Lungshan, British steamer, 1,411, R. D. Thomas, Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Co.
City of Whampoa, Chinese steamer, 40, Ah Yon.
Sun Chow, Chinese steamer, Ah Yon.

Hongkong and West River.
Saikong, British steamer, 259, D. Bowie, Kwong Wing Steamship Co.
Cheung Kong, Y. Kun, 58, Kwong Wan S.S. Co.

Kwai Lum, British steamer, Kai Hing & Co. Ltd., American steamer.
Nanning, British steamer, J. J. Lossius, Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Co., J. M. & Co. and B. & S.

Lorehans and Schooners.
Kutong, lorcha, 160, Reynolds, Hongkong to Canton, Hong Kum Sing.

VESSELS IN PORT.

Steamers.
 ALGOA, British steamer, 1,252, Hansford, 24th Sept., Seattle 1st Aug., and Manila 21st Sept., Hemp—Dodwell & Co., Ltd.
 AUSTRALIAN, British steamer, 3,000, P. T. Helms, 26th Sept., Australia 1st Sept., General—Gibb, Livingston & Co.
 BAKAN MARU, Japanese steamer, 820, F. Kawamoto, 24th Sept., Japan 17th Sept., Ballast—Japanese.
 CHANGSHA, British steamer, 1,463, T. Moore, 12th Sept., Shanghai 9th Sept., General—Butterfield & Swire.
 CHARVETON, British steamer, 1,278, Joslin, 20th Sept., Singapore 13th Sept., General—Joo Tok Sang.
 CHUNSHAN, British steamer, 1,418, L. A. Muir, 24th Sept., Java 15th Sept., Sugar—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
 DAIJIN MARU, Japanese steamer, 900, T. Ogata, 25th Sept., Tamsui 21st Sept., and Swatow 24th, General—Mitsui Bussan Kaisha.
 DRUTEROS, German steamer, 1,001, F. Frahm, 24th Sept., Saigon 20th Sept., Rice—Siemssen & Co.
 ELICANO, American steamer, 301, R. de Alhenago, 2nd Sept., Manila 31st August, Ballast—Brandao & Co.
 GERMANIA, German steamer, 1,714, A. Benadivani, 25th Sept., Surabaya 15th Sept., Sugar—Jelks & Co.

GLIMFARO, British steamer, 2,350, R. A. Donaldson, 25th Sept., Saigon 21st Sept., Rice—McGregor, Hays & Co.
 KIUKING, British steamer, 1,249, Hopkins, 26th Sept., Amoy 25th Sept., General—Butterfield & Swire.
 KOH-SI-CHANG, German steamer, 1,291, Leuss, 21st Sept., Bangkok 14th Sept., General—Butterfield & Swire.
 KONG BENG, German steamer, 862, Moller-mann, 24th Sept., Koh-si-chang 18th Sept., Rice—Melchers & Co.
 LIGHTNING, British steamer, 2,142, J. G. Spence, 20th Sept., Calcutta 31st Aug., Penang and Singapore 14th Sept., General—David, Sassoon Sons & Co.
 LOOSER, German steamer, 1,020, T. Fuchs, 23rd Sept., Bangkok 16th Sept., Rice—Butterfield & Swire.
 MAUSANG, British steamer, 1,204, W. D. Welch, 25th Sept., Sandakan 17th Sept., Timber, Jardine, Matheson & Co.
 MICHAEL JENSEN, German steamer, 710, J. Jensen, 25th Sept., Haiphong and Hoihow 24th Sept., General—Jelks & Co.
 OLYMPIA, American steamer, 1,730, John Truebridge, 25th Sept., Tacoma via Japan 24th Aug., General—Dodwell & Co., Ltd.
 PHRA NANG, German steamer, 1,021, Mangelsdorff, 24th Sept., Bangkok and Koh-si-chang 17th Sept., Rice and Wood—Butterfield & Swire.
 PROGRESS, German steamer, 687, H. Meyer, 25th Sept., Touron 22nd Sept., General—Siemssen & Co.

ROBERT DICKINSON, British steamer, 1,331, McDonald, 25th Sept., Hankow 18th Sept., Ballast—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.
 TAKSANO, British steamer, 977, W. P. Baker, 22nd Sept., Bangkok 16th Sept., General—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
 TREKAI, British steamer, 3,016, H. C. Harris, 26th Sept., Singapore 20th Sept., General—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
 TRIGONIA, British steamer, 1,039, Powell, 20th Aug., Shanghai 16th Aug., Kerosine—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.
 VICTORIA, American steamer, 2,112, J. Pantan, 1st Aug., Tacoma, U.S.A. 4th July, General—Dodwell & Co., Ltd.
 VICTORIA, Swedish steamer, 989, J. A. Hillberg, 22nd Sept., Java 11th Sept., Sugar—E. A. Trading Co.

Sailing Vessels.

CELESTE BURLITT, British ship, 1,764, C. A. Trefry, 29th May, Manila 9th May, Ballast—Order.
 GEO. VALENTINE, French bark, 766, Harbert, 23rd Aug., Haiphong 15th Aug., Ballast—Order.
 HELLEN H. WYMAN, American ship, 1,664, D. A. Vanhorn, 10th Sept., Chefoo 28th Aug., Ballast—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.
 I. F. CHAPMAN, American ship, 2,013, Chapman, 10th Aug., Kobe 19th July, General—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.
 KENTMERE, British ship, 2,347, Bundy, 19th Sept., New York 5th May, Oil—Standard Oil Co.
 LAUNBERG, American bark, 906, McDougall, 14th Aug., Cebu 6th Aug., Ballast—Master.
 L. SCHIEPP, American ship, 1,673, Kendall, 5th July, Manila 25th June, Ballast—Carl-lowitz & Co.
 MANUEL LLAGUNA, American ship, 1,650, Nicholas, 20th June, New York 3rd Mar., Kerosine Oil—Standard Oil Co.
 SEA WITCH, American ship, 1,172, Howes, 21st Feb., Manila 18th Feb., Ballast—Master.
 STACEY, 2nd M.V., American ship, 1,467, Colcord, 8th Sept., New York 4th May, Kerosine—Standard Oil Co.
 SUSQUEHANNA, American ship, 2,590, M. T. Bailey, 24th July, Manila 17th July, Ballast—Siemssen & Co.
 W. H. CONNER, American ship, 1,614, Colcord, 26th Sept., Manila 10th Sept., Ballast—Standard Oil Co.

HIS BRITANNIC MAJESTY'S SHIPS ON THE CHINA STATION.

Hongkong, September 27th, 1901.
Alacrity, despatch vessel, 1,700 tons, 10 guns, 3,000 i.h.p., Comdr. S. E. Easlake, Wei-hai-wei.
Albion, 1st-class battleship, 12,950 tons, 13,500 i.h.p., 16 guns, Capt. W. W. Hewitt, Hongkong.
Algerine, sloop, 1,050 tons, 6 guns, 1,100 i.h.p., Comdr. W. Carey, Shanghai.
Arctura, 2nd-class cruiser, 4,300 tons, 10 guns, 5,000 i.h.p., Capt. J. Starlin, Woosung.
Argonaut, 1st-class cruiser, 11,000 tons, 15,500 i.h.p., 16 guns, Capt. G. H. Cherry, R.N., Hongkong.
Astraea, 2nd-class cruiser, 4,300 tons, 7,000 i.h.p., 10 guns, Capt. C. J. Baker, Amoy.
Aurora, 1st-class cruiser, 5,600 tons, 8,500 i.h.p., 12 guns, Capt. E. H. Bayly, C.B., Wei-hai-wei.
Barfleur, 1st-class battleship, 13,000 tons, 14 guns, 13,163 i.h.p., Captain Sir G. J. S. Warrender, Bart., Nagasaki.
Blenheim, 1st-class cruiser, 9,000 tons, 12 guns, 21,411 i.h.p., Capt. Henderson, C.M.G., Taku.
Bramble, 1st-class gunboat, 710 tons, 1,300 i.h.p., 6 guns, Lieut. and Comdr. F. M. Leake, Wuhu.
Brisk, 3rd-class cruiser, 1,700 tons, 6 guns, 5,600 i.h.p., Commander Sir Boucherie Wrey, Bart., Singapore.
Britannia, 1st-class gunboat, 710 tons, 1,300 i.h.p., 6 guns, Lieut-Comdr. E. A. Baird, Taku.
Daphne, sloop, 1,140 tons, 8 guns, 2,000 i.h.p., Capt. W. C. Pakenham, Wei-hai-wei.
Dido, 2nd-class cruiser, 5,600 tons, 11 guns, 5,600 i.h.p., Capt. Tillard, Shanghai.
Edith, 1st-class cruiser, 5,600 tons, 11 guns, 8,000 i.h.p., Capt. Stokes, Amoy.
Endymion, 1st-class cruiser, 7,350 tons, 12,000 i.h.p., 12 guns, Capt. A. W. Paget, C.M.G., Taku.
Esh, coast defence gunboat, 363 tons, 3 guns, 200 i.h.p., Lieut-Comdr. F. Blunt, Chinkiang.
Fame, twin screw, torpedo-boat destroyer, 360 tons, 6 guns, 5,400 i.h.p., in reserve.
Firebrand, 3rd-class gunboat, 455 tons, 4 guns, 360 i.h.p., Lt. and Beary Pownall, Canton.
Glory, 1st-class battleship, 12,500 tons, 16 guns, 13,500 i.h.p., Capt. Carr, Wei-hai-wei.
Golfiah, 1st-class battleship, 12,950 tons, 16 guns, 13,300 i.h.p., Capt. L. Wintz, Shanghai.
Hart, twin screw, torpedo-boat destroyer, 260 tons, 6 guns, 4,000 i.h.p., in reserve.
Handy, twin screw, torpedo-boat destroyer, 360 tons, 6 guns, 4,000 i.h.p., Lieut. and Com. G. C. Hardy.
Humber, storeship, 1,640 tons, 800 i.h.p., Com. H. J. Davidson, Hongkong.
Itis, 2nd-class cruiser, 5,600 tons, 11 guns, 9,600 i.h.p., Capt. Charles Windham, M.V.O., Hongkong.
Jinnu, torpedo-boat destroyer, 280 tons, 6 guns, 3,900 i.h.p., in reserve.
Ocean, 1st-class battleship, 12,950 tons, 13,500 i.h.p., 16 guns, Capt. Arthur J. Renaker, Huihgan, Hongkong.
Orient, 1st-class cruiser, 5,600 tons, 12 guns, 8,500 i.h.p., Capt. J. H. Burke, C.B., Shanghai.
Orion, torpedo-boat destroyer, 350 tons, 6 guns, 6,300 i.h.p., Lieut. and Com. C. P. Munster, Taku.
Phaethon, sloop, 1,000 tons, 6 guns, 1,400 i.h.p., Comdr. W. H. Nicholson, Canton.

Piem, 1st class, gunboat, 755 tons, 6 guns, 1,200 i.h.p., Lt. and Comdr. Goldham, cruising.
Pique, twin screw, 2nd-class cruiser, 3,600 tons, 8 guns, 7,000 i.h.p., Capt. H. C. Reynolds, Shanghai.
Plover, 1st class gunboat, 453 tons, 6 guns, 1,200 i.h.p., Lieut-Comdr. U. V. de M. Cowper, Shanghai.
Rambler, surveying ship, 583 tons, 650 i.h.p., Capt. Morris H. Smyth, Hongkong.
Redpole, 1st-class gunboat, 855 tons, 6 guns, 1,200 i.h.p., Lieut-Com. C. F. Corbett, Shanghai.
Robin, river-gunboat, 85 tons, 2 guns, 240 i.h.p., Lieut-Comdr. G. G. Webster, West River.
Rosario, sloop, 980 tons, 6 guns, 1,400 i.h.p., Com. C. Hamilton, Singapore.
Sandpiper, British river-gunboat, 85 tons, 2 guns, 240 i.h.p., Lt-Comdr. Carr, West River.
Satyr, river-gunboat, 85 tons, 2 guns, 240 i.h.p., Lieut. and Commander Dalgety, Yangtze.
Swift, 2nd-class gunboat, 750 tons, 6 guns, 870 i.h.p., in reserve Hongkong.
Taku, torpedo-boat destroyer, 350 tons, in reserve Hongkong.
Talbot, 2nd-class cruiser, 5,600 tons, 11 guns, 8,000 i.h.p., Capt. F. G. Stopford, Wei-hai-wei.
Tamar, receiving ship, 4,600 tons, Commodore Powell, C.B., Hongkong.
Terrible, 1st-class battleship, 14,200 tons, 30 guns, 25,000 i.h.p., Capt. Percy Scott, C.B., Wei-hai-wei.
Tweed, coast defence gunboat, 363 tons, 3 guns, 200 i.h.p., in Reserve Hongkong.
Waterwitch, surveying ship, 620 tons, 450 i.h.p., Lieut-Comdr. Lyne, Shanghai.
Whiting, twin screw, torpedo-boat destroyer, 360 tons, 6 guns, 5,600 i.h.p., Lt-Comdr. Mackenzie, D.S.O., Wei-hai-wei.
Witmer, coast defence ship, 2,750 tons, 4 guns, 1,000 i.h.p., Hongkong.
Woodcock, river-gunboat, 150 tons, 2 guns, 550 i.h.p., Lieut-Comdr. Watson, Kiangkiang.
Woodlark, river-gunboat, 150 tons, 2 guns, 550 i.h.p., Lieut-Comdr. H. E. Hillman, Yangtze.
 Torpedo-boats in Reserve Nos. 8 and 20, 35, 36, 37 and 38, first-class; and 3 second-class boats.

Miscellaneous.

Aspern, Austrian gunboat, 976 tons, Capt. W. Weber, Shanghai.
Holland, Dutch cruiser, 8 guns, 3,900 tons, 9,250 i.h.p., Capt. S. N. Sybrandt, Swatow.
Kaiserin Elisabeth, Austrian cruiser, 8 guns, 4,400 tons, 9,000 i.h.p., Capt. Wiber, Singapore.
Koningin Wilhelmina der Nederlanden, Dutch cruiser, 8 guns, 4,600 tons, 5,900 i.h.p., Capt. J. P. Rossum, Swatow.
Leopard, Austrian cruiser, 1,500 tons, Captain Müller, Saigon.
Liberal, Portuguese gunboat, 558 tons, Comdr. José da Cunha Lima, Macao.
Maria Theresa, Austrian cruiser, 10 guns, 5,900 tons, 9,755 i.h.p., Capt. V. Bless Ritter v. Sambuch, Shanghai.
Piel Hein, Dutch cruiser, 5 guns, 3,600 tons, 4,735 i.h.p., Capt. Jansen, Taku.
Zaire, Portuguese gunboat, 600 tons, Captain Mello, Hongkong.
Zenta, Austrian cruiser, 2,200 tons, Captain Runsti, Singapore.

FOREIGN MEN-OF-WAR ON THE CHINA AND JAPAN STATION.

The Russian Squadron.
Admiral Korniloff, Russian armoured cruiser, 5,000 tons twin screw, 36 guns, 9,500 h.p., Captain Jakovlev, at Nagasaki.
Admiral Vakhmistroff, Russian armoured cruiser, 28 guns, 9,000 tons, 8,000 i.h.p., Capt. Vserolofsky, at Tientsin.
Alouah, Russian gun-boat, 870 tons, 8 guns, 1,200 h.p., Captain Eliskiy, at Nagasaki.
Bores, Russian gun-vessel, twin screw, 950 tons, 8 guns, 1,150 h.p., Captain Dobrovolsky, at Taku.
Dimir Donskoy, Russian armoured cruiser, 5,830 tons, twin screw, 34 guns, 7,000 h.p., Comdr. Sharon, at Taku.
Gaidamak, Russian gunboat, 400 tons, twin screw, 18 guns, 3,500 h.p., Capt. Serbrennikoff, at Taku.
Gremiastichy, Russian armoured cruiser, 1,492 tons, twin screw 12 guns, 2,000 h.p., Capt. Miklashevsky, at Shanghai.
Koryetzy, Russian cruiser, 1,200 tons, 9 guns, 2,150 h.p., Capt. Silmann, at Taku.
Mandjor, Russian cruiser, 1,213 tons, twin screw, 14 guns, 1,500 h.p., Capt. Yakevoff, at Nagasaki.
Navarin, Russian battleship, 10,000 tons, 12 guns, 20,000 h.p., Capt. Venish, at Nagasaki.
Nayadnitch, Russian cruiser, 1,334 tons, 14 guns, 1,800 h.p., Capt. Zarine, at Nagasaki.
Olyan, Russian armoured cruiser, 1,490 tons, twin screw, 12 guns, 2,000 h.p., Captain Coprianoff, at Shanghai.
Petropavlovsk, Russian battleship, 12,000 tons, Capt. Grevais, at Nagasaki.
Polistava, Russian battleship, 10,960 tons, 11,255 i.h.p., 16 guns, Capt. Orgeroff, at Nagasaki.
Rosita, Russian armoured cruiser, 12,200 tons, 22 guns, 14,500 h.p., Capt. Domojiroff, at Nagasaki.
Rozhynik, Russian cruiser, 1,330 tons, 1,786 h.p., 11 guns, Capt. Komaroff, at Singapore.
Rurik, Russian flagship, 10,940 tons, armoured twin screw cruiser, 1st class, 48 guns, 13,500 h.p., Capt. Hapst, Port Arthur.
Sevastopol, Russian battleship, 10,900 tons, 13,600 i.h.p., 16 guns, Capt. Meleusky, at Nagasaki.
Silach, Russian gunboat, 4 guns, 1,200 h.p., Capt. Barronoff, at Nagasaki.
Sisot Veliky, Russian battleship, 10,000 tons, 14 guns, 8,500 i.h.p., Capt. Molias, at Taku.
Sivouch, Russian gunboat, 950 tons, twin screw 13 guns, 1,200 h.p., Capt. Soubatin, at Nagasaki.
Sveaborg, 1st class, Russian torpedo boat, 69 tons, 3 guns, 2 torp tubes 780 h.p., speed 19.7 knots.
Vladimir Monomach, Russian cruiser, 6,000 tons, 16 guns, Prince Ouchtomsky, at Port Arthur.
Vostok, Russian torpedo gunboat, 4 guns, 650 h.p., Com. Molchovsky, at Nagasaki.
Vindicta, Russian torpedo boat, 400 tons, 18 guns, twin screw, 1,500 h.p., Capt. Roguliy, at Taku.
Zabliaka, Russian cruiser, 1,230 tons, 20 guns, 2,000 h.p., Capt. Shkruff, at Nagasaki.

(1st and 2nd class.)

Delphin, Russian torpedo boat, 350 tons, Capt. Novakovsky, at Shanghai.
Forst, Russian torpedo boat, 23 tons, 1 gun, 220 h.p., 16 knots.
Jankich, Russian torpedo boat, 87 tons, 4 guns, 970 h.p., 19 knots.
Kanika, Russian torpedo boat, 350 tons, Capt. Mouravieff, at Shanghai.
Kli, Russian torpedo boat, 350 tons, Captain Kivinsky, at Shanghai.
Narvan, Russian torpedo boat, 85 tons, 4 guns, 1,200 h.p., 23 knots.
Nyugorodsky, Russian torpedo boat, 87 tons, 4 guns, 1,000 h.p., 22 knots.
Podarinnik, Russian torpedo boat, 23 tons, 1 gun, 220 h.p., 16 knots.
Sivir, Russian torpedo boat, 23 tons, 1 gun, 220 h.p., 16 knots.
Skat, Russian torpedo boat, 350 tons, Captain Smirnov, at Shanghai.

Skorpion, Russian torpedo boat, 23 tons, 1 gun, 120 h.p., 16 knots.
Sootkicha, Russian torpedo boat, 87 tons, 4 guns, 970 h.p., 19 knots.
Sam, Russian torpedo boat, 400, Capt. A. Giers, at Shanghai.
Sterlaid, Russian torpedo boat, 23 tons, 1 gun, 220 h.p., 16 knots.
Strauss, Russian torpedo boat, 23 tons, 1 gun, 220 h.p., 16 knots.
Sungur, Russian torpedo boat, 140 tons, 4 guns, 1,800 h.p., 22 knots.

RUSSIAN TORPEDO FLOTILLA.

(SEA GOING.)

Borgo, 1st class, Russian torpedo boat, 81 tons, 3 guns, 2 torp tubes 1,100 h.p., speed 12 knots.
Revel, 1st class, Russian torpedo boat, 95 tons, 3 guns, 2 torp tubes 980 h.p., speed 22 knots.
Ussuri, Russian torpedo boat, 140 tons, 4 guns, 1,800 h.p., 22 knots.
 * Flagship of Vice-Admiral Alexieff.
 * Flagship of Rear-Admiral F. V. Dubossioff.
 * Flagship of Rear-Admiral Reunoff.

THE GERMAN SQUADRON.

Bussard, German cruiser, 1,600 tons, 8 guns, Comdr. von Bassewitz, at Shanghai.
 * *Fürst Bismarck*, German flagship, 11,000 tons, 36 guns, Capt. Graf Lotke, at Taku.
Gefion, German cruiser, 4,100 tons, 10 guns, 9,000 h.p., Capt. Rollmann, at Amoy.
Geir, German cruiser, 1,600 tons, 8 guns, Capt. Baver, at Shanghai.
 * *Hansa*, German cruiser, 6,800 tons, 30 guns, Capt. Paschen, at Woosung.
Hela, German despatch vessel, 4,000 tons, 12 guns, Capt. Rampold, at Woosung.
Hertha, German cruiser, 6,000 tons, 30 guns, Capt. von Usedom, at Shanghai.
Ilia, German gunboat, 900 tons, 10 guns, Lieut-Comdr. Stamer, at Hongkong.
Irene, German cruiser, 4,200 tons, 8 guns, 2,930 h.p., Capt. Stein, at Nagasaki.
Jaguar, German gunboat, 1,000 tons, 10 guns, Capt. Berger, at Foochow.
Kaiserin Augusta, German cruiser, 6,331 tons, 20 guns, 14,000 h.p., Capt. Gülich, at Amoy.
 * *Kurfürst Friedrich Wilhelm*, German battleship, 10,100 tons, 40 guns, Capt. von Hollendorff, at Woosung.
Luchs, German gunboat, 850 tons, 10 guns, Comdr. Daehnhardt, at Shanghai.
Schwabe, German cruiser, 1,120 tons, 8 guns, Comdr. Boerner, at Hankow.
Seeadler, German cruiser, 1,600 tons, 8 guns, Comdr. Schack, at Amoy.
Tiger, German gunboat, 900 tons, 10 guns, Comdr. von Miltelstadi, at Shanghai.
Wiesbaden, German battleship, 10,100 tons, 40 guns, Capt. Homeier, at Amoy.
Warke, German battleship, 10,100 tons, 40 guns, Capt. Borkenbagen, at Taku.
 * *K. F. Wilhelm*, German battleship, at Nagasaki.
No. 90, German torpedo-boat, 320 tons, Capt. Hoepfner, at Shanghai.
No. 91, German torpedo-boat, 360 tons, Capt. Lieut. Püllen, at Shanghai.
No. 92, German torpedo-boat, 320 tons, Capt. Fluinrich, at Shanghai.
 * Flagship of His Excellency Vice-Admiral Bendemann.
 * Flagship of Rear-Admiral Geisler.
 * Flagship of Rear-Admiral Kirchhoff.

THE FRENCH SQUADRON.

Alouette, gunboat, 200 tons, Lieut-Comdr. Belloy, at Nagasaki.
Amiral Courbet, 2nd-class cruiser, 4,800 tons, 12 guns, Capt. Béchame, en route Saigon.
Bengali, 2nd class despatch-boat, Lt-Comdr. De La Croix de Castries, at Nagasaki.
Bugeaud, 2nd-class cruiser, 4,000 tons, 19 guns, 9,000 i.h.p., Capt. Delfevre, at Shanghai.
Chastellux Laubi, 2nd-class cruiser, 4,000 tons, 9,000 i.h.p., 18 guns, Capt. Espinay St. Luc, at Foochow.
Comete, gunboat, 600 tons, Capt. Lollet, at Canton.
Decade, gunboat, 690 tons, Capt. Maresbette, at Canton.
 * *D'Entrecasteaux*, 1st class cruiser, 8,100 tons, 26 guns, 13,500 i.h.p., Capt. de Marolles, at Taku.
Descartes, 2nd class protected cruiser, 4,000 tons, 36 guns 631 i.h.p., Captain Spulne, at Shanghai.
Eure, Dispatch-transport, Capt. Vallée, at Saigon.
Friant, gunboat, 693 tons, Capt. Adam, at Yokosuka.
Guichen, 1st-class cruiser, 8,277 tons, 24,000 i.h.p., 8 guns, Capt. de Surgy, en route Home.
Jean Bart, 1st class cruiser, 4,500 tons, 10 guns, 8,000 i.h.p., Capt. Aubin, at Taku.
Kerairat, 3rd class cruiser, 1,300 tons, 13 guns, 2,200 i.h.p., Capt. de la Moite du Portail, at Saigon.
Lion, gunboat, 500 tons, 8 guns, 576 h.p., Capt. Frost, at Taku.
Pascal, 2nd-class protected cruiser, 4,000 tons, 36 guns, 9,000 i.h.p., Capt. M. Motet, at Shanghai.
Slyx, 3rd-class cruiser, 1,800 tons, Capt. Vincent, at Hongkong.
Surpirt, gunboat, 700 tons, 10 guns, 860 i.h.p., Capt. Mermet, at Shanghai.
Ville d'Alger, monitor, 944 tons, Captain Bomesaur, at Hongkong.
Viper, gunboat, 400 tons, Captain G. del Villeneuve, at Foochow.
 * Flagship of Vice-Admiral Courrejoles.

THE AMERICAN SQUADRON.

Albany, U.S. cruiser, 3,500 tons, Comdr. J. E. Craig, at Manila.
Bennington, U.S. gunboat, 1,710 tons, 6 guns, 3,436 h.p., Comdr. C. H. Arnold, at Hongkong.
Brooklyn, U.S. cruiser, 9,215 tons, Capt. C. M. Thomas, Shanghai.
Callao, U.S. gunboat, 137 tons, 1 gun 55 h.p., Lieut-Com. G. B. Bradshaw, at Manila.
Castine, U.S. gunboat, 1,330 tons, 8 guns, 2,199 h.p., Comdr. S. W. Verry, at Shanghai.
Celtic, U.S. supply-ship, 6,428 tons, 1,890 h.p., Comdr. C. T. Forse, at Manila.
Concord, U.S. gunboat, 1,700 tons, 6 guns, 3,405 h.p., Comdr. H. G. D. Colby, at Manila.
Culgoa, U.S. supply-ship, 7,000 tons, 2,350 h.p., Comdr. J. W. Carlin, at Manila.
Don Juan de Austria, U.S. gunboat, 1,200 tons, Capt. Bowman, at Hongkong.
Glacier, U.S. supply-ship, Lieut-Comdr. A. Mertz, at Manila.
Helena, U.S. gunboat, 1,397 tons, 8 guns, 1,998 h.p., Comdr. E. K. Moore, at Manila.
Iris, U.S. distilling-ship, 1,750 tons, 1,300 h.p., Capt. J. J. Meany, at Manila.
Isla de Luzon, U.S. gunboat, 1,330, Comdr. J. V. B. Bleeker, at Manila.
Kentucky, U.S. battleship, 11,500 tons, Capt. Chester, at Manila.
Manila, U.S. gunboat, 1,057 tons, 2 guns, 750 h.p., Lieut-Comdr. A. Naxos, at Manila.
Marlin, U.S. gunboat, 1,000 tons, 1,500 i.h.p., 12 guns, Comdr. E. H. Green, at Canton.
Monadnock, U.S. double-turret monitor, 4,000 tons, 6 guns, 3,000 h.p., Comdr. O. W. Farnhoff, at Shanghai.
Monocacy, U.S. gunboat, 1,370 tons, 6 guns